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Following is FYI no form based on uncleared memcons subject to revision on review:

1. Ambassador Martins, with Counselor, met with Mr. Walt Rostow in White House during morning July 20 for half-hour talk to discuss Nigerian situation and US-Nigerian relations. He gave rationale for FMG "police action" against East as last resort after every effort to find peaceful solution. Ambassador added that he understood official US position, but could not correlate it with special position of affection Nigeria accords US and vice-versa. Nigeria had come to US prepared to pay for arms since it trying to put down insurrection. US refused, yet it had assisted Congo. Also Nigerians were active in US in behalf Biafra. N.Y. Times correspondent, after being expelled from Nigeria, had gone to Biafra and filed stories against country with which US had good relations. FMG needed a statement from "right US source" which would declare it wished Nigeria to remain united.

2. Mr. Rostow replied that he would look into activities of Nigerians in US hostile to their government. He knew wide latitude accorded under US law, but wished to be assured that every possible action had been explored.

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There no doubt US would like to see Nigerian unity, but it hardest for third party to get involved in family quarrel. From 1961, when Rostow had helped set up development assistance program for Nigeria, he believed country had great future and that USG prepared to do what it could in this direction. This hope still holds. US not prepared to put Nigeria in any other power's sphere of influence and has not been passive in leaving development assistance to others. As for Congo and Nigeria, there were great differences. In former there was external threat disrupting unity and we had sent three C-130's in carefully limited action in continuity with earlier UN resolutions. Nigeria has not brought its problem to UN. As Ambassador can see from press, Congress does not wish US to be involved in other countries' affairs unless there is clear external threat. Finally, our margin of influence with foreign countries on vital issues frequently proves quite small. Rostow cited examples of this, which Ambassador agreed supported case for FMG and Biafra settling problem themselves.

3. In afternoon, Ambassador Martins, with Counselor, talked with Under Secretary Katzenbach for 40 minutes and covered ground similar to morning. He sought advice of Under Secretary in explaining US actions concerning Nigeria to his government and public in this "crisis of belief." The Under Secretary inquired what happened if Ojukwu were eliminated. It hard to understand Ojukwu acting without support and would not same problem exist? Martins briefly said FMG intended first to restore its authority in minority states of East and adopt containment policy for Ibo state, which would have opportunity to be member of federation with full rights. As far as Times correspondent in Biafra is concerned, Under Secretary said,

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Ambassador could count in any issue of that paper how many editorials were favorable to policies of USG. If USG could not influence paper in behalf its own interests, how could it do so for Nigeria? Activity of correspondent was not US responsibility. If Ambassador pursued matter with Times, he might find there even more difficulties.

4. In long run, said Under Secretary, Nigerian people should not have real difficulty in accepting explanations of US arms policy or difference between Congo and Nigeria. Over past five years US had given primacy to Nigerian development over other African states. Articles in US press on American arms policy should make clear to Nigerians why USG had not been able to license sales to that country. Congo was external problem stirred up by non-Congolese. He knew no African, European or Asian non-Communist state criticizing US for its policies and actions toward Nigeria. He believed that if we were wrong, others would recognize this. As for any Nigerians agitating here for Biafra, Nigerian public really would not expect us to change our Constitution or internal laws. Americans and foreigners here have right to speak up.

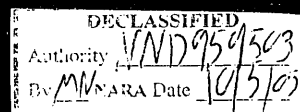
5. To help explain US policy to Nigerians, Under Secretary suggested Ambassador could state (a) USG has sought to correct through appropriate comment any false or misleading statements, (b) US not treating Eastern Nigerians in this country working for Biafra any differently than it is doing for its own people, and (c) we cannot be responsible for US manufactured items of military equipment which may be found in East. As matter of fact, US arms can be bought from Communist countries.

USG does not possess legal and constitutional powers to halt or impede actions of

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which Ambassador complained. Under Secretary cited examples of Americans travelling to North Vietnam and Cuba who have reportedly spoken there critically of their country and written critically of US policy on return. Yet, USG unable to take any action against them.

6. Conversational tone in both meetings was frank and friendly.

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engaged in the rapidly growing trade between our two countries. Our ~~xxxxxx~~ programs, carried out together with the Federal Government, have had as goals the strengthening of Nigeria, the development of its economy, and the furthering of its social progress.

D.E. This close association between the United States and Nigeria has existed since well before independence. American support and technical assistance beginning in 1954 has evolved into the firm support provided by the United States Agency for International Development for Nigeria's six year development programme. As you yourselves must well know, the American private sector, during these years, has made considerable commitments contributing to the economy's fruitful growth. Despite the uncertainties of the past eighteen months, there have been notable expressions of continued confidence in Nigeria's future by investors from the United States.

The expansion of your own organization and the formation of counterparts like it in the United States indicate the continuing <sup>importance</sup> ~~health~~ of our mutual economic activities.

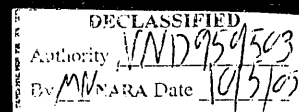
E.E. Following the military coup of January 1966, and through all subsequent difficulties, the United States has consistently expressed its hopes that Nigerians would resolve their differences and maintain the <sup>cohesion of the</sup> ~~the/federationxxxxxxx~~ country. Both alone, and together with other governments, the United States has urged Nigerian leaders to seek a solution that would insure a stable future.

F.E. Repeatedly, we have stated that Nigeria, as an independent country, should solve its own problems. We regard these as internal matters for the Nigerian people themselves. As a consequence of ~~this~~ this policy we have not during the current crisis supplied arms anywhere in Nigeria. It is our deepest desire that the present hostilities may be brought to a speedy end, and that Nigeria will resume uninterruptedly her dynamic development. End text.

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3. Recognize your hesitancy to include reference to arms/ and leave this to your discretion but from here we see Nigerian criticism influenced by suspicions of US military aid to East while denying this to FMG.
4. Advise manner and time that proposed text will be delivered or issued.
5. From here it appears that unless Head of FMG, General Gowon, agrees to stop government inspired press campaign against US, ~~xxx~~ statement will have ~~xxxxx~~ limited value. Accordingly you are requested to see Gowon at appropriate time to cover with him substance of statement and to obtain his cooperation in behalf of our objective through its issuance.

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2. Ambassador said Dumbarton Associates hired for single job connected US visit of Enahoro and had no right to speak for Nigeria. He would call attention of Nigerian Consulate General and its UN Mission in New York to Times complaint and take steps to avoid any further recurrences. At same time, Martins most critical of Garrison, which he recognized separate

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4. Emb. should continue make every effort to assure points contained Para 3 brought home to FMG in manner that will best protect safety American correspondents and permit them carry out professional functions.

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1. IN HOUR-LONG CONVERSATION JULY 19, CATHOLIC BISHOP FINN TOLD SMALL OF BDHC (ABSOLUTE PROTECTION BOTH SOURCES REQUIRED) OF HIS CONCERN WITH CURRENT INDICATIONS INCREASED ACTIVITIES OF OLD NPC-NDP ALLIANCE. FINN SEES NORTHERN NPC ACTIVITY AS TRADITIONAL MOSLEM VS CHRISTIAN CONFLICT. HE CHARACTERIZED ALHAJI K.O.S. ARE AS "THAT BASTARD, HE IS THE LOWEST OF THE LOW." ZFINN SAID IN ADDITION SAUDI ARABIA AND U.K. (IBADAN 30), ARE VISITED U.A.R. DURING RECENT ABSENCE FROM NIGERIA.

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2. FINN SAID PRIEST FROM NORTH HAD TOLD HIM APPROXIMATELY TEN THOUSAND HAUSAS WERE UNDERGOING TRAINING IN SOKOTO PROVINCE, WITH SEVEN THOUSAND OF THESE IN TOWN OF SOKOTO. HAUSAS WERE BEING TRAINED UNDER AUSPICES OLD NPC LEADERS (EMIRS) WITH KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF HASSAN KATSINA. NPC HOPES PAGAN-CHRISTIAN MIDDLE BELT RIFLEMEN LOYAL TO GOWON AND AKAHAN WILL GET CHEWED UP IN CURRENT POLICE ACTION IN EAST AND MEN LOYAL TO NPC WILL THEN BE ABLE TAKE OVER IN NORTH AND AND PERHAPS REST OF COUNTRY.

3. ON POLICE ACTION, FINN HAD HEARD OF ARMS SHIPMENT TO EAST LAST WEEK. HE HAS ALSO HEARD THAT ABOUT 100 YORUBA TROOPS HAVE DESERTED, INCLUDING TWO OFFICERS WHO SAID TO HAVE SKIPPED IN ADO-EKITI. FINN WORRIED ABOUT HIGH NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES WITH FEW PRISONERS BEING TAKEN. IF AND WHEN COMBATANTS RUN OUT OF AMMO, HE EXPECTS CUTLASSES OR MATCHETES TO BECOME PRINCIPAL WEAPON. HE HAS EXPRESSED

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CONCERN WITH SITUATION AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF CHARGE  
OF GENOCIDE BEING RAISED IN U.N. WITH ARCHBISHOP AGGEYCIN  
HOPES THAT LATTER WILL CALL MATTER TO ATTENTION GOWON WITH

VIEW TO HAVING HIM MITIGATE SITUATION. HOWEVER, HE SAID  
AGGEY WISHES WAIT ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE INTERVENING.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONSULATE IN NO POSITION EVALUATE  
STORIES REPORTED BY FINN AND ALTHOUGH HE A HAS TENDENCY TO  
LOOK AT THINGS THROUGH STAINED GLASS SPECTACLES, HE USUALLY WELL  
INFORMED AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN COUNTRY. REPORT OF HAUSAS  
IN TRAINING IN NORTH, EVEN ALLOWING FOR EXAGGERATION TENDS TO FIT  
IN WITH OTHER ACCOUNTS, SUCH AS THOSE OF BABS AINA (KADUNA 54)  
AND ROY GOONEWARDENE (IBADAN 25).

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 34

1. PROFESSOR WOLLE (AMCIT, PROTECT SOURCE), FORD FOUNDATION CONSULTANT TO INSTITUTE ADMINISTRATION, UNIFE, ON JULY 20, TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER HIS IMPRESSIONS OF CURRENT ATMOSPHERE IN WEST. HE IS DEPARTING ON VACATION AFTER ONE YEAR AT INSTITUTE.

2. WOLLE IDENTIFIED THE FOUR KEY PEOPLE WHO RUN INIFE AS VICE-CHANCELLOR OLUWASANMI, PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF DEPT. OF

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EDUCATION FAFUNWA, PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF DEPT. OF ECONOMICS S. ALUKO, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR INSTITUTE ADMINISTRATION ADEDEJI. ALL BUT ALUKO HAVE RECEIVED HIGHER DEGREES IN U.S. ACCORDING WOLLE, ALL ARE MEMBERS AG INNER CIRCLE AND CLOSE ADVISERS AWO. WOLLE SAYS ALL FOUR NOW VOICING SUPPORT FMG IN POLICE ACTION AGAINST EAST. THIS BASED PRIMARILY ON CREATION NEW STATES IN NORTH AND AWO GOING TO CENTER. (THIS NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH IMPRESSION I GOT FROM OLUWASANMI (IBADAN 24).)

3. WOLLE ALSO SAID THESE MEN ARE CRITICAL PRESENT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS NIGERIA. THEY PARTICULARLY RESENT REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY RUSH THAT NIGERIA PRIMARILY BRITISH MATTER. (SIMILAR COMMENT ALSO MADE BY AGRIC PERMSEC AR BISALA IN FRONT USAID TECHNICIAN.) WOLLE WORRIED THAT CURRENT ANTI-BRITISH, ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MIGHT BECOME ANTI-EUROPEAN AS SUCH OVERTONES IN AIR. HE ALSO FEARS SWING TO LEFT. HE

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CITED INSTANCE OF ADEDEJE SAYING IN EXPRESSION FRUSTRATION AT INABILITY PMG PURCHASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM U.K. OR U.S.: "WELL THEN, WE WILL HAVE TO GET WHAT WE REQUIRE FROM EAST."

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4. COMMENT: PERHAPS I AM BIASED BY PREVIOUS SERVICE IN FAR MORE ANTI-AMERICAN ATMOSPHERE, BUT WHILE RECOGNIZING INCREASED SYMPTOMS OF IRRITATION WITH U.S. AND BRITAIN, POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOITATION BY LEFTISTS AND EVEN OF DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI- WHITE RACIALISM, I AM MORE STRUCK BY RELATIVE MILDNESS THESE SYMPTOMS AND BY FACT THAT FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR U.S. AND BRITISH ASSISTANCE CONTINUES APPEAR IN PRESS, AND PRAGMATIC, FRIENDLY ATTITUDE AMONG NIGERIAN CONTACTS MORE PREVALENT THAN CRITICISM.

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1. IN CONVERSATIONS JULY 20 WITH ME AND ASST AID DIRECTOR REED, RICHARD AKINJIDE (NNDP LAWYER AND FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION) GAVE WHAT IS PRESUMABLY TYPICAL NNDP-YORUBA INTERPRETATION OF CURRENT EVENTS.

2. EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE FMG FORCES WERE ADVANCING SOUTH OF NSUKKA AND WOULD REACH JUNCTION WITH ENUGU-ONITSHA ROAD IN

NEXT TWO DAYS. CAPTURE OF ENUGU THUS IMMINENT UNLESS OJUKWU OVERTHROWN BY COUP FIRST. INSISTED THERE WERE SERIOUS INTERNAL DIVISIONS AMONG IBOS AND CITED BROADCAST OF BIAFRAN "COMMISSAR"

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AS EVIDENCE OJUKWU'S "REVOLUTIONARY WING" HAD SWUNG LEFT, THOUGH POSSIBLY ONLY FOR TACTICAL REASONS, I.E., IN EFFORT TO ATTRACT COMMUNIST ARMS. AKINJIDE EXPECTED REBELLION TO BE COMPLETELY SUBDUED END OF JULY.

3. HE CLAIMED THAT ADEBAYO VISIT TO LAGOS LAST WEEK WAS AT BEHEST OF GOWON WHO HAD HEARD HE WAS GOING TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST YORUBA CENTRAL STATE DURING HIS TOUR OF WESTERN STATE, PRESUMABLY AS RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM AWO AND AG. GOWON TOLD HIM HE SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM THIS ISSUE AND CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF FMG AND ADEBAYO CONCURRED. AKINJIDE IMPLIED THAT SOME OF GOWON'S ADVISERS WANT TO LEAVE DOOR OPEN TO CREATION YORUBA CENTRAL STATE AFTER "POLICE ACTION" OVER. AWO, HE SAID, IS COMPLETELY "BOXED IN" BY INNER CIRCLE GOWON ADVISERS AND IS TOLD ONLY WHAT THEY WANT HIM TO KNOW.

4. COMMENT: WHEN ODUMOSU TOLD ME HE WAS SEEKING DISSUADE ADEBAYO FROM MAKING TOUR BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE  
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CREATED BY PUBLIC STATEMENTS AT THIS TIME (IBADAN 211), HE  
MAY HAVE KNOWN OR SUSPECTED GOWON WAS PRESSING ADEBAYO FOR

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SUBJECT: NIGER/BENUE SHIPPING

1. WE INFORMED BY UKHC THAT NIGER-BENUE TRANSPORT CO. TUG, ANNIE, WITH TWO BARGES GENERAL CARGO PROCEEDING NORTHBOUND FOR GAROUA, QUOTE TAKEN ALONGSIDE UNQUOTE AT ONITSHA AFTERNOON JULY 19. HOLTS REP LAGOS CONFIRMS ANNIE TIED UP AT ONITSHA BUT DID NOT KNOW IF SHE HELD THERE BY FORMER EASTERN REGION AUTHORITIES. ANNIA IS FRENCH OWNED AND FLIES CAMEROONIAN FLAG.

2. HOLTS LAGOS SAYS ITS EQUIPMENT TIED AT ASABA ASSAY IN DELTA AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT PASS ONITSHA FOR PRESENT. HOWEVER, UAC (NIGER RIVER TRANSPORT) STATES HOLTS STILL OF OPINION THEIR QTE AGREEMENT UNQTE WITH EAST PROVIDING UNMOLESTED PASSAGE ONLY GAROUA POL AND CARGO DELIVERIES STILL OPERATIVE. THIS IS APPARENTLY VIEW OF HOLTS MANAGER IN ENUGU WHICH HOLTS TRANSPORT WARRI AND OTHER BARGE COMPANIES FIND DIFFICULT RECONCILE WITH CONTINUED EASTERN RETENTION BOTH HOLTS AND NRT EQUIPMENT AT ONITSHA AND CONTINUED INCARCERATION CREWS IN ENUGU. IF ANNIE INDEED HELD BY EAST, ONLY COMPANY OPERATING ON NIGER-BENUE WITHOUT RIVER CRAFT HELD IN ONITSHA WILL BE FARRELL LINES (US) WHOSE PUSHER-TUG, ADAMA, AND TWO 10 BARGES NOW LOADED WITH POL FOR GAROUA UNDER MOBIL CONTRACT, BUT HAS NO INTENTION ATTEMPT PASS ONITSHA AT THIS TIME.

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 AID REF: LAGOS 719 (NOTAL)  
 PC 1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, TIME CORRESPONDENT  
 SR GROSSMAN SHARED LOUCHEIM'S (WASHINGTON POST) BELIEF  
 ORM THAT FIGHTING BETWEEN "BIAFRA" AND FMG TROOPS HAS  
 SCA GENERALLY BEEN CONFINED TO SMALL SCALE ACTION (REFTEL).  
 SCS HE SAID THAT OJUKWU INDICATED AS MUCH DURING PRESS  
 OPR CONFERENCE JULY 19 ENUGU WHEN HE TOLD REPORTERS HIS  
 TROOPS WERE NOT ENGAGING IN HEAD-ON BATTLE WITH

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 FEDERAL ARMY BECAUSE OF FEDERAL SUPERIORITY IN ARMOR  
 AND ARTILLERY. OJUKWU SAID THE BIAFRAN WOULD GET "BADLY BRUISED" IN  
 DIRECT LARGE-SCALE ENCOUNTER.

2. OJUKWU MAINTAINED THAT NSUKKA IS "NO-MAN'S LAND"  
 WHICH NOT RPT NOT CONTROLLED BY EITHER SIDE. BIAFRAN  
 TROOPS, HE SAID, HAVE MOVED FORWARD TO ENUGU-EZIKE  
 AND OTHER TOWNS.

3. GROSSMAN CITED "RELIABLE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY  
 SOURCES" IN ENUGU WHO RELATED CIRCUMSTANCES OF BIAFRAN  
 RETREAT FROM NSUKKA. UNNAMED OFFICER IN TACTICAL  
 COMMAND OF TROOPS AT NSUKKA FELT HE HAD BEEN OUTFLANKED  
 AND ORDERED WITHDRAWAL TOWARD ENUGU. IN COURSE OF WITH-

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DRAWAL SOME BIAFRAN TROOPS TOOK FRIGHT AND, SOURCES SAID, SOME OF THEM DESERTED. HOWEVER FEDERAL FORCES DID NOT FOLLOW UP IMMEDIATELY AND BIAFRANS WERE ABLE REGROUP. RETREAT LED TO CHARGES (BROADCAST ON GADIO BIAFRA) WHICH REFERRED TO TREACHERY WITHIN BIAFRAN FORCES. OJUKWU INTIMATED THAT, AS RESULT OF UNAUTHORIZED RETREAT, THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGE IN COMMAND STRUCTURE.

4. ACCORDING SOURCES, IN TIME TWO FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO

RESURGENCE OF BIAFRAN CONFIDENCE. WHEN NEWS OF DEFEAT REACHED OTHER PARTS OF EAST THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS CAME TO ENUGU TO VOLUNTEER GO TO NSUKKA AND FIGHT. RAPIDITY AND DEPTH OF RESPONSE REPORTEDLY GREATLY ENCOURAGED BIAFRAN LEADERS WHO WERE ABLE RESTORE CONFIDENCE OF TROOPS. SECOND IMPORTANT FACTOR WAS USE OF MAJOR NZEOWU, WHO VISITED TROOPS AND OFFICERS AND MADE IT VERY

CLEAR  
TO LATTER WHAT THEIR DUTY WAS AND WHAT THEIR FATE WOULD BE IF THEY DID NOT FULFILL THEIR DUTY.

5. OJUKWU SAID, WITH RESPECT TO DEATHS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO BATTLE, THAT THERE HAD BEEN "HEAVY CARNAGE". ASSERTED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED BATTALION COMMANDERS TO TREAT PRISONERS HUMANELY BUT THIS INSTRUCTION HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT.

6. AT BEGINNING OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE HE ADDRESSED BBC CORRESPONDENT IN ENUGU AND SAID, "I'M TOLD THE BBC SAYS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BOMBED ENUGU LAST NIGHT. DID YOU HEAR ANY BOMBS?" THE BBC CORRESPONDENT SHEEPISHLY SAID "YES, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THEY KEPT ME UP ALL NIGHT". QUESTIONED ABOUT BIAFRA RADIO REPORT OF SHOOTING DOWN

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OF TIGER MOTH AIRPLANE, OJUKWU ADMITTED THIS NOT RPT NOT TRUE. HE SAID WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT WHILE FLYING OVER VILLAGE OF EHA ANUFU (ABOUT 15 MILES NORTHEAST OF ENUGU) DORNIER AIRCRAFT OF NAF WAS FIRED UPON BY VILLAGER WITH DANE GUN. WINDSHIELD WAS BROKEN AND FELL TO GROUND BUT PLANE FLEW OFF TOWARD NORTH.

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7. BOTH LOUCHHEIM AND GROSSMAN GOT DISTINCT IMPRESSION OF TOTAL INVOLVEMENT OF IBO CIVILIANS, EITHER EMOTIONALLY OR PHYSICALLY, IN WAR. READINESS OF PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE MANIFEST IN NUMEROUS ROADBLOCKS MANNED BY CIVILIANS AND BY SIGHT OF MEN DRILLING IN VILLAGES THEY PASSED THROUGH. THE TWO REPORTERS FEEL THAT IF FMG TROOPS COME INTO IBO HEARLAND THEY WILL BE MET WITH GENERAL RESISTANCE BY IBO PEOPLE.

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1. AT REGULAR THURSDAY PRESS CONFERENCE PERM SECS AYIDA AND OBEYA AGAIN WERE SPOKESMEN, ACCORDING VOAL CORRESPONDENT HANK GRADY WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE.

2. ON MILITARY SITUATION, OBEYA SAID FMG FIRMLY IN CONTROL NSUKKA AND SURROUNDING AREA AND MOVING "VERY FAR" SOUTH FROM NSUKKA AGAINST "LESS RESISTANCE THAN EXPECTED". SNIPING AND SMALL-SCALE COUNTER-ATTACKS BUT NO LARGE SCALE ENGAGEMENTS ARE BEING MET BY FMG. UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AT NSUKKA HAVE SUFFERED "NO SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE". OJUKWU IS "TELLING A LIE" WHEN HE SAYS NSUKKA WAS RECAPTURED.

3. CORRESPONDENTS PRESENT WERE SKEPTICAL OF CLAIMS BY OBEYA THAT FMG AIRPLANES HAVE CONDUCTED OPERATIONS OVER ENUGU. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, OBEYA SAID "OPERATIONS" MEANT STRAFING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE AS MUCH AS TWO TO TWENTY MILES OUTSIDE ENUGU. FMG HAS NOT RECEIVED NEW AIRPLANES, ACCORDING SPOKESMEN.

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4. IN OGOJA AREA, FMG ADVANCING AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE. FMG TROOPS ARE TRYING TO PREVENT LOOTING WHICH HAS IN SOME CASES OCCURRED.

5. AWARE THAT AT LEAST ONE REPORTER (LOUCHHEIM OF WASHINGTON POST) HAS JUST RETURNED FROM EAST, FMG SPOKESMEN WOULD NOT CATEGORICALLY SAY NAVAL BLOCKADE COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE. AYIDA SAID NO BLOCKADE 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE, BUT ADDED, "IF ANY SHIP HAS GONE IN YOU CAN BE SURE IT WAS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION". SAID "TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE" NO SHIP HAS GONE IN TO PORT HARCOURT EXCEPT ISONZO.

6. NO COMMENT WAS MADE ON EXPLOSION IN LAGOS JULY 19 (LAGOS 716) BUT REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT KAM SALEM, INSPECTOR GENERAL POLICE, PREPARING REPORT WHICH WILL BE ON RADIO AS SOON AS IT IS READY.

7. COMMENT: GRADY REPORTED THAT CORRESPONDENTS WERE IN GENERAL DISAPPOINTED IN CONDUCT PRESS CONFERENCE AND AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES THAT FMG SPOKESMEN WERE BEING "LESS THAN CANDID".  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 719

REF: ENUGU 185

1. LUCHEIM (WASHINGTON POST) AND GROSSMAN (TIME) RETURNED LAGOS JULY 19. TALKED WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS JULY 20.

2. BASED ON WHAT HE LEARNED IN ENUGU, LOUCHEIM SAYS STORIES IN FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA ABOUT WAR IN NIGERIA CONSIDERABLY EXAGGERATED BOTH EXTENT AND NATURE OF FIGHTING WHICH FOR MOST PART RELATIVELY SMALL SCALE PATROL ACTION. HE REFLECTED EASTERN EXPLANATION THAT OGOJA NOT REALLY WORTH FIGHTING FOR AND THAT EASTERN TROOPS FELL BACK

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TO MORE DEFENSIBLE LINE ALONG RIVER. LOUCHEIM SUSPECTS THAT WHILE IBOS MAY PUT UP SOME FIGHT SOUTH OF CROSS RIVER THEY APPARENTLY PREPARED MAKE MAJOR DEFENCE WEST AND NORTH WEST THAT RIVER.

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1. GODFREY IKE CHUKS ENELI, WHO UNTIL HE RESIGNED IN MARCH 1967 HAD BEEN DCM NIGERIAN EMBASSY ROME, CALLED ON EMBOFF JULY 19. DURING HIS TOUR AS DCM ENELI FAVORABLY (BUT NOT WELL) KNOWN TO EMBOFF.

2. ENELI EXPLAINED THAT HE PRESENTLY TOURING SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF OJUKWU FOR PURPOSE OF EXPLAINING BACKGROUND OF RECENT EVENTS IN NIGERIA ALONG LINES OF TALKING PAPER HE LEFT WITH EMBOFF. HE INDICATED IT WAS TALKING PAPER HE HAD USED WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS (PAPER BEING POUCHED TO DESK). ENELI STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT

ASKING FOR RECOGNITION BUT ONLY FOR UNDERSTANDING OF FACTORS THAT HAD MOTIVATED BIAFRA SECESSION.

3. ENELI SAID THAT HE WANTED TO CALL ON US EMBASSY FOR ESSENTIALLY SAME REASONS. HE STATED THAT WHILE BIAFRA APPRECIATES NEUTRAL STANCE BEING TAKEN BY USG, IT IS GREATLY DISTRESSED BY ACTIVE ASSISTANCE HMG IS GIVING TO GON. HE SAID THAT BIAFRA OFFICIALS CONVINCED HMG SUPPLYING WEAPONS TO GON AND PERMITTING GON TO RECRUIT MERCENARIES IN BRITAIN. ALSO SAID THAT HMG COOPERATING WITH GON IN PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN WHICH DISTORTS NOT ONLY BACKGROUND FACTS BUT PRESENT MILITARY ONES. MOST SERIOUS OF ALL, HE SAID, WERE HMG'S ACTIONS IN FINANCIAL FIELD. HMG'S ACTION OF BLOCKING ACCOUNTS IN LONDON AND COOPERATING WITH SHELL IN MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SHELL TO PAY BIAFRA FOR CURRENT PRODUCTION HAS CREATED SERIOUS FINANCIAL CRISIS IN BIAFRA. ENELI MADE STRONG PLEA FOR USG TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TOWARDS HMG TO ADOPT POSITION OF TRUE NEUTRALITY.

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1. MV ISONZO. EMBARKATION CONTINUES AT PORT HARCOURT; AT 1415Z

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 UKHICOM REP STATED EMBARKATION WILL CONTINUE INTO LATE  
 EVENING DESPITE FACT PEOPLE BOARDING AT RATE OF ONE PASSENGER  
 EVERY 65 SECONDS. UNDERSTAND PORT HARCOURT AUTHORITIES EXTENDING  
 FULL COOPERATION, BUT BOARDING BEING SLOWED BY FACT  
 EVACUEES HAVE LARGE AMOUNT HAND LUGGAGE THAT MUST BE  
 CARRIED UP GANGWAY. MOBIL OIL EMPLOYEE SAID THERE WILL BE  
 FOUR STRETCHER CASES AND A PREGNANT WOMAN VERY NEAR TERM.  
 HE TOLD AT LEAST TWO DOCTORS AND SEVERAL NURSES BOARDING.

2. CONDUCT OF WAR. IN RADIO BROADCAST THIS MORNING OJUKWU  
 ANNOUNCED THAT "BIAFRA" NOW RPT NOW CONTROLS NSUKKA  
 AND SURROUNDING BORDER TOWNS. SAID ALL OF OGOJA PROVINCE  
 EXCEPT OGOJA TOWN "SECURELY UNDER CONTROL OF OUR TROOPS."  
 INFORMED PUBLIC HE ADVISED FOREIGN NATIONALS TO LEAVE "BIAFRA"  
 IF THEY WISHED BUT ADDED "NOW THAT BIAFRAN FORCES ARE ON  
 THE BRINK OF TAKING THE OFFENSIVE INTO THE ENEMY TERRITORY,  
 FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE WARNED TO TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS  
 FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY IN NIGERIA." (COMMENT: THIS FIRST PUBLIC  
 EXPRESSION OF WHAT OJUKWU HAS FREQUENTLY SAID IN PRIVATE.)

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OJUKWU ASSURED ALL FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF "BIAFRA'S" FRIENDLY  
INTENTIONS, BUT CAUTIONED THAT "ANY MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM  
ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY TO GOWON IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT WILL  
SERIOUSLY DAMAGE OUR RELATIONSHIP IN ALL FIELDS WITH SUCH A  
FOREIGN COUNTRY." OJUKWU ALSO: CALLED FOR RISE OF YOURUBA  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS NOW THAT NORTHERN TROOPS OCCUPIED WITH  
"BIAFRA"; ISSUED STERN WARNING TO POTENTIAL SABOTEURS;  
REMINDED CIVIL DEFENSE WORKERS THEIR JOB IS TO GUARD,  
NOT MOLEST CITIZENS. ASSUME FBIS REPORTING AS IN PAST.

3. OTHER. ENUGU CALM, NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES NOTED.  
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1. FEDERAL PRESS BULLETIN JULY 19 REPORTED " LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IS BEING RE-ESTABLISHED IN OGOJA TOWN

AND OTHER PARTS OF OGOJA PROVINCE LIBERATED BY FEDERAL TROOPS. CHIEFS AND LEADING CITIZENS ARE PARTICIPATING FULLY IN NEW ADMINISTRATION."

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2. CORRESPONDENT SOLA ODUNFA IN DAILY TIMES JULY 20 REPORTS ON SITUATION IN OBUDU, GAKEM AND OTHER VILLAGES OF OGOJA PROVINCE. LIFE IS "MORE NORMAL" AT GAKEM BUT OBUDU WHICH "NOT UNTYPICAL OF OTHER VILLAGES OJUKWU ENCRACHED ON TO MAKE FORTRESSES OF HIS REBELLION/ WILL "TAKE LONG TIME TO REBUILD." OGOJA IS "SAD PICTURE INDEED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT FEDERAL TROOPS HAD TO BOMBARD REBELS FORTIFICATION FOR SOMETIME BEFORE TOWN WAS EVENTUALLY LIBERATED."

3. CHIEF I.I. MURPHY, " ONE OF SELF-EXILED MINORITIES' LEADERS WHO HAS JUST RETURNED HOME", IS LEADING CAMPAIGN TO "SORT THINGS OUT." HE TOLD CORRESPONDENT THAT OGOJA PEOPLE SHORT OF COMMODITIES BUT "NOT WITHOUT CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE."

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REF: LAGOS 706 AND DAO 0293 JULY

1. FMG STATEMENT ISSUED LAST NIGHT AFTER EXPLOSION IN YABA (LAGOS SUBURB) SAID THREE PERSONS KILLED, SEVERAL

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INJURED. POLICE SOURCE THIS MORNING INFORMED EMBASSY THAT  
"MORE THAN 4" PERSONS KNOWN DEAD, AT LEAST 56 INJURED  
AND FATALITY FIGURE EXPECTED TO RISE.

2. SOME DAMAGE DONE TO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE (PROBABLE  
TARGET) BUT NOT ENOUGH TO IMPAIR TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

3. IN ITS STATEMENT FMG APPEALED TO PUBLIC KEEP CALM AND  
OFFERED REASSURANCE THAT "SITUATION FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL".  
ADDED IT "CONFIDENT OF ELIMINATING THE VERY FEW MANIACS  
WHO ARE AROUND". PUBLIC REMINDED NEED TO REMAIN ALERT  
AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES.

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TR	XMB	AIR	Rev. Edward McMahon, an American Jesuit and professor of philosophy at the former University of Nigeria at Nsukka (now known there as the University of Biafra) told Embassy officer Wach July 18 that he thought the closest that the Federal Military Government (FMG) forces ever got to the town and campus at Nsukka was on the afternoon of July 15, when shells hit the Azikiwe Flats on campus. Local "Biafran" military headquarters, formerly located on campus, had moved south to Ukehe some days previously. At 2330 hours July 15, a strong counter-attack through Nsukka pushed the federal forces back and put an end to the shelling. No FMG soldiers except prisoners got into Nsukka to the best knowledge of Father McMahon, although he was not himself physically present on campus after July 8 except for visits. He went to the Enugu campus of the university until July 16, when he left for Lagos.					
ARMY	CIA	NAVY	During his conversation with the Embassy Officer, Rev. McMahon was very tired, having gotten only a short rest after forty-eight hours on his feet. He said he had been all over the Nsukka front in pursuance of his religious duties (he was chaplain to the local garrison) and medical chores, and gave an interesting description of the nature of the war. Small villages such as Oboleki, Ibegwa and Enugu-Ezike, north of Nsukka, have changed hands several times, usually without shooting as in many cases small groups of wandering soldiers enter and leave the hamlets without meeting each other. Federal troops (known to easterners as "Hausas" regardless of their actual tribal origin) offer money for food and information and the local people oblige, but the population is willing to provide all possible assistance to the "Biafrans" gratis. The only example of pro-FMG "sentiment" known to McMahon occurred in Ibegwa village, where local thugs once betrayed eastern forces.					
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During the fighting, "Biafran" authorities sent police, civil defense groups and local armed youths into the bush to hunt for straggling and/or lost FMG soldiers, who during the first few days were often hungry, lost and leaderless. Several "Biafran" professors from the University took part in such expeditions while their wives prepared food and took care of wounded eastern soldiers.

Father McMahon was unable to give times and dates for most of the events he recalled, because he worked round the clock without sleep once the battle started. The <sup>local</sup> doctors attached to the University fled at first, and McMahon broke open the dispensary and kept it in operation with one female mission doctor. On July 8, he believes, two sheepish "Biafran" doctors returned to the campus and took up their duties after a lecture from McMahon.

Brigadiers Hilary Njoku and Eze, both close friends of McMahon who had visited their units frequently before the fighting, are regarded as the heroes of the defense of Nsukka area. Eze once fearlessly spent a night in newly-recaptured Enugu-Ezike with only 24 men with him. McMahon also mentioned that Major Nzeogwu had driven through Nsukka in his own car, scouted to the north, and then returned to collect eastern soldiers and lead them into battle in a display of coolness.

Father McMahon reported that Earl Roe, Dean of the School of Journalism, was on campus during the shelling and was reportedly in a building when the flat next to his was hit.

According to "Biafran" military men, a "tank" was operating on the Nsukka front against the FMG on Sunday, July 16. Reportedly this "tank" was home-made and was captured and re-captured because the other side could not operate it.

On strategy, Biafra is reportedly concerned over (a) a possible attempt to outflank eastern positions by movement through Obimo-Aku road net to east of Nsukka-Enugu Road, and/or (b) a flanking movement through Eva Valley, east of the Nsukka-Enugu road. McMahon thought that Biafra was actually in a favorable overall position around Nsukka because of the FMG intrusion into unfriendly and unfavorable territory. In any case, he said, the "Biafrans" are determined to die in battle rather than be defeated by "Hausas."

COMMENT: Rev. McMahon arrived in Lagos late July 17 and left for Europe the next day. To protect his friendship with the people of the Nsukka area, where he hopes to return and resume his work, Father McMahon was anxious that he not be known as the source of the above military/political observations.

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when he telephoned  
British Embassy official here was informed/that text of  
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1. NOT TO BE OUTDONE BY CONTEMPORARIES IN NORTH (KADUNA 69, 52) AND LAGOS (LAGOS 435), IBADAN PAPERS HAVE ALSO RECENTLY BEEN MORE CRITICAL OF U.S. ON JULY 19, WMG-OWNED DAILY SKETCH RAN ARTICLE ON AMERICAN AND BRITISH "INTERFERENCE" IN NIGERIAN AFFAIRS BY "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT" ENTITLED "IMPERIALISTS AND NIGERIAN SITUATION", WHICH MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) REBEL CLIQUE ENJOYS MORAL SUPPORT OF BRITAIN AND AMERICAN, THOUGH NO DIRECT EVIDENCE:

B) STATEMENT BY AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT BROADCAST WITH RELISH BY BBC AND VOA THAT U.S. TURNED DOWN FMG REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE BOOSTED CREST-FALLEN EGO OF INSURGENTS:

C) PROMPT DENIAL OF AMERICAN CLAIM BY FMG SUGGESTS AMERICANS NOT PLAYING FAIR:

D) REQUEST NOT MADE IN OPEN SO WHAT DID AMERICAN GOVERNMENT GAIN BY FEEDING WORLD WITH DIRECT OPPOSITE OF NIGERIAN REQUEST?

E) WHAT MONSTROUS HYPOCRISY IS STATE DEPARTMENT PARADING WHEN IT OPEN SECRET SOME OF WEAPONS CAPTURED FROM REBELS ARE OF AMERICAN ORIGIN AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SAYS REFUSAL CONSISTENT WITH PLAN NOT DABBLE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA?

F) IF LEGAL GOVT REQUEST AID FROM ANOTHER LEGAL GOVT, BOTH

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OF WHICH U.N. MEMBERS, FOR CRUSHING LITERAL INSURRECTION,  
THEN THIS NOT INTERFERENCE--AMERICANS KNOW THIS:

G) NOBODY IMPRESSED BY BELATED AMERICAN RETRACTION WHAT  
ALREADY SAID: QUITE CLEAR AMERICANS STUDYING NIGERIAN

SITUATION AND, NOW THAT OJUKWU LOSING WHO WOULD NOT  
WITHDRAW SUPPORT FOR HIM?

H) ARTICLE THEN ATTACKS BRITAIN AND SHELLGBP AND CONCLUDES  
"NIGERIANS SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE TO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS."

2. RACE RIOTS IN U.S. HAVE ALSO PROVOKED MORE STRIDENTLY  
CRITICAL TONE IN LOCAL PRESS. ON JULY 15, AG-LEANING NIGERIAN  
TRIBUNE PUBLISHED ARTICLE ENTITLED "WHY NEGROES RUN RIOTS," BY  
A "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT," WHO ASSERTED HE WAS REPORTING  
PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS FROM VISIT TO U.S. SOUTH. ARTICLE PURPORTS  
TO ANALYZE WHY RIOTS ARE STARTED AMONGST ILLITERATE SOUTHERN  
NEGROES IN SOUTHERN U.S. SOUTH BY NEGROES AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
ACTIVISTS FROM NORTH AND DEPLORES SUBSERVIENT ATTITUDE IN  
SOUTHERN NEGROES AS RESULT YEARS WHITE DOMINATION. FOLLOWING  
QUOTATION INDICATIVE OF TONE OF ARTICLE: QUOTE WE AFRICANS  
DO NOT HESITATE LOOKWHITE MAN STRAIGHT IN FACE AND TELL HIM  
WHAT A SCATTER-BRAINED, SQUINT-EYED, EVIL-SMELLING  
SON-OF-A-BITCH HE IS IF WE SO THINK. HERE IN SOUTH,  
THAT'S WHAT A WHITE MAN ALWAYS IS! UNQUOTE.

3. ON OTHER HAND, ON JULY 19, FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL  
IN NIGERIAN TRIBUNE REFLECTS NOTEWORTHY FREEDOM FROM  
RACIAL BIAS CONSIDERING CURRENT ATMOSPHERE. EDITORIAL  
CRITICIZES NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION FOR SEEKING TO EXCLUDE  
EXPATRIATE LAWYERS FROM PRACTICING IN NIGERIAN COURTS.  
ACCUSES ASSOCIATION OF SELFISH MOTIVATION AND SAYS NIGERIAN  
OR FOREIGN FIRM SHOULD BE FREE "IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY TO  
EMPLOY ANY LAWYER OF ITS CHOICE--WHITE, BLACK, OR YELLOW--TO  
PROTECT ITS OWN INTERESTS."

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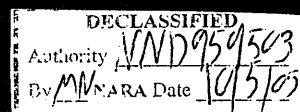
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1. FAST CHANGING PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION APPEARS PRESENTLY  
RULE OUT ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL.  
HOWEVER I HAVE RECEIVED ESSENTIALLY SYMPATHETIC LETTER FROM  
LOCAL NIGERIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHICH PROVIDES

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OPPORTUNITY TO SET FORTH AMERICAN POSITION IN POSITIVE MANNER.  
I WISH TO REPLY WITH FOL LETTER FOR WHICH APPROVAL IS REQUESTED.  
2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT OURSELVES PLAN RELEASE THIS LETTER TO  
PRESS BUT WOULD ALLOW CHAMBER TO DO SO. HOWEVER IF CHANGING  
SITUATION SHOULD MAKE DIRECT RELEASE DESIRABLE EITHER IN FORM  
OF LETTER OR DIRECT EMBASSY STATEMENT OR HANDOUT, I WOULD LIKE  
RESERVE FREEDOM TAKE SUCH COURSE.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

A. I APPRECIATE YOUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE PROBLEMS  
FACTED TODAY BY ALL NIGERIANS, IN WHICH WE OF THE AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY ARE ALSO-VITALLY INTERESTED.

B. I AM AWARE THAT THERE IS CONFUSION IN SOME PEOPLE'S  
MINDS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE  
NIGERIAN SITUATION. THIS CONFUSION STEMS LARGELY FROM THE  
ATTEMPTS OF NEWSPAPER COLUMNISTS AND RADIO COMMENTATORS TO DISTORT  
AND DRAMATIZE THE ACTUAL SITUATION TO SERVE THEIR OWN ENDS.

C. BUT THE FACTS ARE SIMPLE. MY GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES

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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL NIGERIA. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS ON A FULL AND FRIENDLY BASIS.  
D. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY MADE KNOWN

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ITS COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE POLITICAL INTEGRITY OF NIGERIA. MANY TIMES WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR HOPES THAT NIGERIA WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN A UNITED COUNTRY. THIS IS NOT ONLY AN OFFICIAL VIEW, BUT ONE THAT IS ALSO FELT BY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ENGAGED IN THE RAPIDLY GROWING TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS, CARRIED OUT TOGETHER WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HAVE HAD AS GOALS THE STRENGTHENING OF NIGERIAN UNITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

E. THIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NIGERIA HAS EXISTED SINCE WELL BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. AMERICAN SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BEGINNING IN 1954 HAS EVOLVED INTO THE FIRM SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR NIGERIA'S SIX YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. AS YOU YOURSELVES MUST WELL KNOW, THE AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR, DURING THESE YEARS, HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE COMMITMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMY'S FRUITFUL GROWTH. DESPITE THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THERE HAVE BEEN NOTABLE EXPRESSIONS OF CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN NIGERIA'S FUTURE

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BY NEW INVESTORS FROM THE UNITED STATES UNDERTAKING SIZABLE NEW ENTERPRISES.  
THE EXPANSION OF YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION AND THE FORMATION OF COUNTERPARTS LIKE IT IN THE UNITED STATES INDICATE THE CONTINUING HEALTH OF OUR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

F. FOLLOWING THE MILITARY COUP OF JANUARY 1966, AND THROUGH ALL SUBSEQUENT DIFFICULTIES, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED ITS HOPES THAT NIGERIANS WOULD RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND MAINTAIN THE FEDERATION AS ONE COUNTRY. BOTH ALONE, AND TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED STATES HAS URGED NIGERIAN LEADERS TO SEEK A SOLUTION THAT WOULD INSURE A STABLE FUTURE.

G. REPEATEDLY, WE HAVE STATED THAT NIGERIA, AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, MUST SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS. THESE ARE INTERNAL MATTERS, IN WHICH NEITHER WE NOR OTHER

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FOREIGN COUNTRIES SHOULD INTERVENE. IT IS OUR DEEPEST  
DESIRE THAT THE PRESENT HOSTILITIES MAY BE BROUGHT TO A  
SPPEDY END, AND THAT NIGERIA WILL RESUME UNINTERRUPTEDLY  
HER DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT AS AFRICA'S LARGEST COUNTRY. END TEXT.  
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1. NSUKKA FRONT. EXPAT WHO TRAVELS TO NSUKKA DAILY TOLD

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CONSULATE THAT, ON JULY 18, "BIAFRAN" FORCES HELD NSUKKA  
AND ALSO CONTROLLED OKUJI (WNW NSUKKA), OGRUGRII (N NSUKKA),  
ENUGU-EZIKE (NNE NSUKKA) AND GBOLO (NE NSUKKA). IF THIS  
REPORT CORRECT "BIAFRA" HAS CREATED DEFENSE PERIMETER AT LEAST  
SIX MILES NORTH OF NSUKKA. AT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING  
OJIKWI DESCRIBED NSUKKA AS "NO MAN'S LAND",  
SUGGESTING THAT, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, HE HAS DECIDED  
UNDERSTATE POSITION AND PERHAPS IS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF "DRAMATIC GAINS".

2. EVACUATION. MV ISONZO HAS DROPPED ANCHOR IN BONNY RIVER  
CHANNEL WITHIN SIGHT OF PORT HARCOURT. IS EXPECTED TO BERTH  
TOMORROW MORNING. UNDERSTAND THERE 700 WAITING TO BOARD  
(INCLUDING 100 PCV'S AND ABOUT 100 OTHER AMCITS), NOT COUNTING  
PORT HARCOURT RESIDENTS WHO MAY WISH TO JOIN SHIP.  
CLEARANCE PROCEDURES BEGIN AT 0600Z TOMORROW,  
PASSENGERS WILL BEGIN BOARDING AT 0800Z.

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3. OTHER. A DC-4 ARRIVED TODAY, POSSIBLY DIRECT FROM FRANCE, AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE DEPARTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. B-26 MADE

PAGE 3 RUTANU 18366 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
SEVERAL LOW ALTITUDE PASSES OVER ENUGU THIS AFTERNOON, MUCH TO DELIGHT OF SPECTATORS. ENUGU CALM, INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT. BBC AND VOA REPORTS THAT ENUGU BEING BOMBED AND STRAFED BY FMG PROVIDED SUBJECT FOR MANY JOKES THIS MORNING.

4. CALABAR. EXPAT JOURNALIST WHO VISITED CALABAR JULY 17 REPORTED ALL CALM THERE AND SAID HE IMPRESSED BY EFFECTIVENESS OF BIAFRAN-APPOINTED PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR.  
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USINFO

1. IN A PRESS BRIEFING AT STATE HOUSE IN ENUGU, TODAY, WEDNESDAY, A NUMBER OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR BETWEEN FEDERAL TROOPS AND THOSE OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION.
2. THE JOURNALISTS WERE TOLD THAT THE UNIVERSITY TOWN OF NSUKKA HAD FIRST BEEN TAKEN BY FEDERAL TROOPS, THEN, RECAPTURED BY LT. COL. OJUKWU'S FORCES. THEY WERE TOLD THE TOWN IS NOW A "NO MANS LAND" IN THE BATTLE ZONE.
3. FIGHTING AT THE OTHER END OF THE BATTLE ZONE, IN OGOJA PROVINCE, THEY WERE TOLD, HAD COME TO VIRTUAL STANDSTILL.
4. A MAJOR BATTLE WAS SHAPING UP, HOWEVER, DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAID, IN THE NSUKKA SECTOR. THEY SAID THAT LAGOS WAS SENDING TWO BATTALIONS FROM THE WEST AND ONE FROM MAKRUDI, IN THE NORTH, TO JOIN THE "SHOWDOWN."
5. ONE CORRESPONDENT SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH THE FIVE OFFICERS EARLIER REPORTED KILLED, BY THE LAGOS GOVERNMENT.
6. THE MID-WEST, THE BRIEFING OFFICERS SAID, AS FAR AS WAS KNOWN, IS NOT YET COMMITTED TO THE WAR.
7. THIS CORRESPONDENT DID NOT, RPT, NOT ATTEND THE BRIEFING.

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1. PORT HARCOURT REPORTS THAT NUMBER EXPATS DESIRING BOARD ISONZO FAR EXCEEDS FIGURE WHICH MASTER REPORTED TO CONSIDER MAXIMUM SAFE LOAD. DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE VOA OR BBC SHOULD CONTINUE ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL EXPATS CONSIDER USING ISOMUO FOR EGRESS.

2. NUMBER MUSHROOMED YESTERDAY, APPARENTLY AS RESULT OF PRESSURE EXERTED ON PORT HARCOURT FIRMS BY THEIR LAGOS OFFICES

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WHICH WE GATHER ARE ACCEPTING FMG STATEMENTS UNCRITICALLY. CONTRIBUTING FACTOR MAY BE THAT, WHILE VOA AND BBC ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT ISONZO HAVE BEEN MODERATE, THEY BEING JUXTAPOSED WITH EXAGGERATED FMG VICTORY CLAIMS. FOR EXAMPLE, VOA AND BBC HAVE REPEATED FMG CLAIM THAT ENUGU BEING BOMBED AND STRAFED BY NAF. SUCH REPORTS APPARENTLY ALARMING EXPATS OUTSIDE ENUGU WHO HAVE NO MEANS ASSESS SUCH STATEMENTS. FYI: THESE REPORTS ABSOLUTELY BASELESS.

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1. IN FIRST PHASE OF CURRENT MEET THE PEOPLE TOUR WITH NEWLY APPOINTED CIVILIAN WESTERN COMMISSIONERS (IBADAN 22), "TO ACQUAINT PEOPLE OF STATE WITH PRESENT SITUATION IN COUNTRY, ALLAY FEARS AND TELL THEM WHAT PART THEY SHOULD PLAY", WESTERN MILGOV BRIG ADEBAYO HAS MADE FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN SUPPORT OF FMG "POLICE ACTION" AGAINST EAST. MAJOR POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

A) PRESENT TROUBLE IN COUNTRY NOT CONFINED TO ANY SECTION BUT AFFECTS ALL COMPONENT PARTS;

B) ALL MUST RALLY ROUND FMG TO SEE QUICK END BROUGHT TO "STALEMATE";

C) HIS PERSONAL EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YORUBA LEADERS TO AVERT CRISIS WERE THWARTED BY OJUKWU WHO HAD OVERSTEPPED BOUNDS IN SPIRE OF GENUINE EFFORTS BY HONEST NIGERIANS FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS;

D) MILITARY LEADERS DETERMINED PRESERVE UNITY OF COUNTRY AS POLITICAL ENTITY AND POLICE ACTION IN EASTERN STATES IS "RIGHT STEP" TOWARDS THAT END;

E) OJUKWU PRECIPITATED POLICE ACTION BY STUBBORNNESS AND ILL-ADVISED DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE;

F) PEOPLE OF WEST SHOULD "SUPPORT PRESENT ACTION THEN BY FMG."

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1. REF EMB MSG 706 19 JULY.

2. DAO PERSONNEL ON SCENE OF EXPLOSION AT 2130 HOURS LOCAL  
ACCORDING TO POLICE IN AREA LIGHTS WENT OUT AT 1930 HOURS  
AND CAME BACK GT AT VOTP HOURS, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY  
EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF INLAND REVENUE  
OFFICE AND CASINO CINEMA, YABA, SUBURB OF LAGOS. EXTENSIVE  
DAMAGE DONE TO INLAND REVENUE  
OFFICE AND CINEMA. DAMAGE TO  
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND BRITISH LIBRARY WHICH SET ADJACENT  
TO INLAND REVENUE OFFICE COULD NOT BE ASSESSED DUE TO COMPLETE  
BLACKOUT IN AREA. ACCORDING TO PTVICE AT SCENE EXPLOSIVE  
DEVICE WAS TRANSPORTED INTO AREA BY PETROL TANKER WHICH WAS  
COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED BY EXPLOSION. POLICE ON SCENE STATED  
ELEVEN DEAD AND INJURED UNKNOWN, BUT STATED  
NUMBER OF DEAD COULD RISE COME DAYLIGHT WHEN DEBRIS IS  
CLEARED.

3. SPECULATION AS OF NOW A ACCORDING TO POLICE ON  
SCENE TARGET WAS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. HOWEVER, TELEPHONE  
LINES IN AREA STILL OPERATIVE.

4. POLICE SECURITY EXTREMELY TIGHT THROUGHOUT AREA. GP-3

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PC 1. WAR BULLETIN HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO FMG CARRIED IN  
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OPR HAVE REACHED ENUGU" AND "STRATEGIC MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

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OF REBELS HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY SMASHED FROM AIR"  
(MORNING POST JULY 19). QUOTING GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN  
AT PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 18, POST SAID FMG TROOPS PUSHING  
AHEAD IN OGOJA AREA AGAINST LITTLE OR NO RESISTANCE AND  
LOCAL PEOPLE IN CALABAR AND IYO AREAS "ARE ALREADY TAKING  
UP ARMS AGAINST REBEL FORCES IN AREA". WEST AFRICAN PILOT  
SAYS FMG HAS TAKEN IKOM. DAILY TIMES SAYS FMG DISCLOSED  
THAT "ALL WHITE MERCENARIES SO FAR CAPTURED FIGHTING WITH  
REBELS WERE FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" AND NOT FROM  
SOUTH AFRICA OR ISRAEL. TROOPS INSTRUCTED "NOT TO SPARE  
ANY MERCENARY". TIMES ALSO QUOTES FMG SPOKESMEN TO EFFECT  
THAT MILITARY FORCES IN BATTLE AGAINST EAST "NATURALLY  
COMPRISED OFFICERS AND MEN FROM FOUR AREA COMMANDS IN  
MID-WEST, LAGOS, WEST AND NORTH". COMMENT: CREDIBILITY  
VARIOUS CLAIMS TOO DUBIOUS FOR US TO VERIFY OR CLARIFY AT  
THIS STAGE.

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2. DAILY TIMES ENLARGES AT SOME LENGTH ON ITS REPORT CARRIED IN YESTERDAY'S TIMES (JULY 18) THAT MID-WEST IBO CHIEF RAISED QUESTION OF NEUTRALITY AT CONFERENCE OF CHIEFS ADDRESSED BY BRIGADIER EJOOR (LAGOS 633). ACCORDING NEW

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STORY, OBI OF UBULU-UKU SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT MID-WEST AS LONG AS IT REMAINED NEUTRAL IN PRESENT CRISIS. EJOOR'S REPLY TO EFFECT THAT MID-WEST MUST SUPPORT FMG BECAUSE FMG PAYS ARMY AND POLICE. ENDED WITH QUESTION: "ARE WE READY START OFF COUNTRY OF OUR OWN?" TO WHICH CONFERENCE HALL ECHOED WITH BIG "NO" FROM OBAS AND CHIEFS. REST OF ARTICLE CONCERNED QUESTION SENDING IBOS OUT OF MID-WEST AND BRIEF MENTION OF EJOOR APOLOGY THAT "ACADEMIC STANDARDS" UNINENTIONALLY DISQUALIFIED SOME CHIEFS FROM BECOMING PRESIDENTS OF "CUSTOMARY COURTS". SEPARATE STORY SAME PAGE REPORTS TOUR OF MID-WEST IBO CHIEF ONYIA TO OGWASHI-UKU, IBUSA AND ASABA TO SPEAK TO RESIDENTS ABOUT "RUMORS" OF UNFRIENDLINESS TOWARDS "STRANGER ELEMENTS" (READ BENI AND OTHER NON-IBO TRIBES) (LAGOS 422).

3. MORNING POST STORY JULY 19 HEADLINED "DON'T CEASE FIRE" REPORTS THAT RIVERS PEOPLE COMMUNITY IN GHANA HAS SENT MESSAGE TO GOWON NOT TO YIELD IN ANY WAY TO "ANY OUTSIDE PRESSURE-- EAST OR WEST OF EUROPE" FOR CEASEFIRE IN MILITARY CONFLICT AGAINST EAST. "EVEN IF PRESSURE IS FROM WITHIN AFRICA, GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT GIVE IN". STATEMENT SAID CEASEFIRE

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AT THIS STAGE WOULD ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS FMG DEFEAT AND FMG SHOULD INTENSIFY ITS MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST REBELS. STATEMENT SAID 1,000 PERSONS OF RIVERS ORIGIN IN GHANA WANT TO JOIN FMG ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND THAT VOLUNTEERS WILL LEAVE ACCRA FOR LAGOS AFTER NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. DAILY TIMES JULY 19 ANNOUNCES RELEASE WALTER SCHWARTZ, BRITISH CORRESPONDENT WHOSE ARREST IN EASTERN NIGERIA REPORTED LAGOS 269, UNDER HEADLINE "I WAS OJUKWU'S PRISONER". ACCORDING TIMES REPORTER K. ANIMASAUN, SCHWARTZ REPORTEDLY CHARGED NIGERI RIVER TO ONITSHA EVENING JULY 5. WAS PICKED

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UP AND HELD IN PRISON WITHOUT EXPLANATION TWELVE DAYS. SCHWARTZ SAID HE UNCOMFORTABLE BUT NOT MISTREATED OR SERIOUSLY INTERROGATED. TAKEN TO ASABA-ONITSHA FERRY AND RELEASED JULY 17. ACCORDING TIMES. SCHWARTZ OBSERVED ENUGU PRISON CROWDED WITH DETAINEES, MOSTLY FROM OGOJA AND MINORITY AREAS OF EAST, BUT ALSO WITH PEPOLE CALLED LATE-COMERS, PRESUMABLY IBOS WHO RETURNED EAST AFTER SECESSION AND THUS TREATED AS SUSPECTS. NORMAL PRISON CAPACITY 650 ABOUT DOUBLED. CRIES INDICATED MOST PRISONERS BEING BEATEN DAILY. COMMENT:

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REFLECTING LACK FACTUAL NEWS FROM FRONT. TIMES OBVIOUSLY  
SQUEEZING SCHWARTZ STORY FOR MAXIMUM PROPAGANDA.  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 688

1. EMBOFF WHO VISITED ONITSHA JULY 15 TO 17 TO EXCHANGE POUCHES AND ASSIST IN EVACUATION AMCITS FOUND ONITSHA TENSE AND EXPATRIATES PARTICULARLY SO.
2. SOLDIERS IN EVIDENCE ALL ALONG WATERFRONT AT ONISHA. BARBED WIRE FENCE BEING ERECTED ON WATERFRONT. ARMED PICKETS

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REPORTED ALONG NIGER AND ANAMBRA RIVERS FOR FIVE MILES NORTH OF TOWN AND ALONG NIGER FOR TEN TO TWELVE MILES SOUTH. BRIDGE SAID TO BE MINED BY LAYING EXPLOSIVES WITH METAL COVERING ACROSS ROADBED AT SECOND PIER OUT FROM EASTERN SIDE. RIVER REPORTED RISING SIX INCHES A DAY AND EXPECTED TO BE FULL MILE WIDE WITHIN TWO TO THREE WEEKS. ZBIAFRANS" POINT OUT THAT THIS WILL ADD TO DIFFICULTY OF FMG LANDINGS IN EVENT ANY SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED. LARGE CIVIL DEFENSE GROUPS TRAINING DAILY. 500, PRIMARILY TEENAGERS, SEEN JOGGING ALONG ONE ROAD. CIVIL DEFENDERS PATROLLING STREETS STOPPING EXPATRIATES AND OTHER "SUSPICIOUS" PERSONS. EMBASSY OFFICER REQUIRED IDENTIFY SELF EVERY FEW HUNDRED FEET WHILE WALKING AROUND ONITSHA.

3. UK SUBJECTS IN SPECIAL DISFAVOR. SEVERAL MINOR INCIDENTS

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WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS IN WHICH CROWDS "ROUGHING UP" UK SUBJECTS. EXPATRIATES GENERALLY FEARFUL THAT POPULATION MIGHT TURN ON THEM AS SCAPEGOATS IN EVENT FURTHER MILITARY REVERSES. RADIO AND NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF WHITE MERCENARIES FIGHTING WITH HAUSAS AND OF SPIES IN "BIAFRA" ADD TO TENSION.

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4. TRAVELERS COMING INTO ONITSHA REPORT EXCESSIVE ZEAL OF CIVIL DEFENSE GROUPS OVER MUCH OF EAST. NOT UNCOMMON FOR TRIPS TO REQUIRE TWO TO THREE TIMES AS LONG AS USUAN. ALL PAPERS AND BAGGAGE EXAMINED AND TRAVELERS SOMETIMES REQUIRED TO REMOVE SHOES OR OTHER CLOTHES.

5. POLICE AND ARMY OFFICERS IN ONITSHA COOPERATIVE IN ASSISTING EXPATRIATES TO LEAVE BUT EACH CASE REQUIRES INDIVIDUAL WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF PRINCIPAL POLICE OFFICER.

6. AS OF JULY 19 ALL AMCITS APPEAR TO HAVE LEFT ONITSHA AND ONITSHA PROVINCE WITH EXCEPTION TWO MEN EMPLOYED IN OIL EXPLORATION. ONE OF THESE HOPES TO LEAVE WITHIN WEEK.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. CONSIDERABLY INCGNASYP CRITICISM OF USG ATTITUDE AND

ACTIONS TOWARDS NIGERIA CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS AND HEARD  
BY EMBASSY AND USIS OFFICERS. ALMOST EVERY MAJOR NIGERIAN  
NEWSPAPER HAS PUBLISHED ARTICLES, SIGNED COLUMNS AND LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR.

IN PAST WEEK ATTACKING MOTIVES U.S. IN NIGERIA.  
ITEMS LINK US WITH BRITAIN AND APPEAR RELATED CURRENT OIL  
ROYALTY PAYMENT PROBLEM: USE OF B-26 BOMBER BY EAST: AND SECRETARY  
RUSK'S SUPPORTED STATEMENT TO SENATORS SAYING "NIGERIA CONSIDERED  
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY GREAT BRITAIN." ADDITIONALLY SPATE  
OF ITEMS USES CURRENT SITUATION TO DISPARAGE US RACE RELATIONS  
AND SUGGESTS US REALLY SUPPORTS FORMER EASTERN REGION AND  
HAS HUMILIATED FMG BY WASHINGTON STATEMENT THAT MILITARY  
AID HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY NIGERIA, BUT REFUSED. ALSO CRITICAL  
FORMER VICE PRESIDENT NIXON FOR ADVOCATING PEACEFUL SETTLE-  
MENT OF NIGERIAN CRISIS WHILE AT SAME TIME JUSTIFYING  
AMERICAN USE OF FORCE IN VIETNAM.

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2. YESTERDAY AT DIPLOMATIC FUNCTION AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY MEMBER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT AMERICANS, BY FAILING SUPPORT FMG AND BY HELPING REBEL EASTERNERS, WERE LOSING BENEFITS OF THIRTEEN YEARS OF US AIRPORT NIGERIA. AMBASSADOR TURNED CRITIC AWAY BY REMARKING CAUSTICALLY

THAT IF SUCH IS CAST IT ONE OF BEST ARGUMENTS FOR NOT EXTENDING ANY AID AT ALL. YESTERDAY EBONG, DEPUTY PERMSEC FINANCE, TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT "SOME OF US IN FMG" HAVE BECOME VERY VERY SOUR ABOUT UK AND US NEUTRALITY WHICH IN FACT HELPS OJUKWU'S REBELLION BY REFUSING ASSIST FMG AND BY PERSUADING OTHER COUNTRIES (E.G. NATO) NOT TO ALLOW EVEN SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO FMG. THIS, SAID EBONG, AMOUNTS TO INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA. R SUCH SUPERSENSITIVENESS AMONG KEY NIGERIAN OFFICIALS NOT UNUSUAL IN LIGHT THEIR "DO OR DIE" CAMPAIGN TO CRUSH REBELLION IN EAST; IN FACT, IT SOUNDS LIKE REFRAIN FROM WELL KNOWN BALLAD: "A FALSE- HEARTED LOVER IS WORSE THAN A THIEF".

3. FMG OWNED NIGERIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY HAS SOINED IN BARRAGE OF HALF-TRUTHS AND DISTORTIONS (SEE LAGOS 614) WHICH CRITICIZE DEAN RUSK, SENATOR FURLBRIGHT AND STATE DEPARTMENT. " IF BRITAIN, AMERICA AND THEIR FELLOW TRAVELLERS HAD NOT ENCOURAGED THE ENUGU REBELS IT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE POLICE ACTION AGAINST THEM".

4. ITEMS BEGAN LAST WEEK WHEN "NORTHERN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" ATTACKED US AND UK FOR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN OJUKWU (LAGOS 435). NEW NIGERIAN WEIGHTED IN JULY 15 WITH PAGE ONE EDITORIAL (KADUNA 52) IN WHICH IT SAID, "WE CANNOT BE SURE US HONESTLY BELIEVES IN INDEPENDENT STATUS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS NEWSPAPER HAS NOT USED WORD, "NEO-COLONIALISM" BUT THAT WORD ACCURATELY DESCRIBES ATTITUDE CHARACTERIZED BY RUSK STATEMENT." LETTERS TO EDITOR GIVEN FULL PAGE TREATMENT IN NEW NIGERIAN JULY 17, ATTACKING US, APPARENTLY PLACED DIRECTLY BY EDITOR (KADUNA 69).

5. SUNDAY POST (FMG OWNED), FULL PAGE SPREAD CALLED "THE FRIENDS OF NIGERIA", AUTHORIZED BY COLUMNIST REMI ILLORI, MAKES MANY WILD ASSERTIONS, AMONG THEM, FULL QUOTES:  
A) BRITAIN AND AMERICA HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF OJUKWU.  
B) BRITAIN AND AMERICAN HAVE DONE EVERYTHING... TO WEAKEN ABILITY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CRUSH THE REBELLION OF

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OJIKWU.

C) THE BLOOD OF THE FALLEN AND THE DEAD FURING THE  
CURRENT EXERCISE TO KEEP NIGERIA TOGETHER MUST LIE ON THE

CONSCIENCE OF BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

6. ILORI THEN SWITCHES HIS ATTACK AND ASSERTS, FULL QUOTES:  
A) IT HAS BEEN (SAID) BY SOURCES CLOSE TO AMEMBASSY THAT  
ATTITUDE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN GREATLY INFLUENCED  
BY THE KILLINGS OF SEPTEMBER 1966 AND THESE KILLINGS SO  
PROVOKED THE AMERICAN CONSCIENCE THAT TODAY MANY AMERICANS  
ARE MORE PRO-SECESSION THAN THE MAJORITY OF IBOS.

B) BUT HAVE THE AMERICANS SO TENDER A CONSCIENCE AS  
THEY WOULD WANT THE WORLD TO BELIEVE!

C) IF SO, HOW CAN THEY EXPLAIN THE UTTERLY UNNECESSARY  
ORLITERATION OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI WITH ATOM BOMB RAIDS IN 1945.

D) WHAT OF THE DAILY LYNCHINGS OF DEFENSELESS NEGROES  
EVEN BY AMERICAN POLICEMEN?

ILORI CONCLUDES, QUOTE: NOW THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACTIVITIES  
OF THE AGENTS BENT ON DESTROYING NIGERIA FOR THEIR OWN  
SELFISH END HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. UNQUOTE.  
GP-3 MATHEWS.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

6. CONSUL STRONG (IBADAN 020) REPORTED JULY 13 SEVERAL SOURCES EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION LACK FIRM USG SUPPORT FMG EFFORTS SUPPRESS SECESSION AS EVIDENCED BY UNWILLINGNESS SELL ARMS TO FMG. DECLARATION NEUTRALITY BY BIG POWER ALLEGED TO EQUAL RECOGNITION OF REBELS. COLUMN IN THE IBADAN BASED NIGERIAN TRIBUNE, JULY 15, ENTITLED "WHY NEGROES RIOT RIOTS", MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:  
A) THE NEGRO IS REGARDED AS AN INTELLIGENT ANIMAL, CLEVER ENOUGH TO WASH THE WHITE MAN'S CAR, POLISH HIS SHOES, REPAIR HIS ROADS, COOK HIS FOOD AND GO TO FIGHT FOR HIM IN VIETNAM.  
B) NOBODY KNOWS WHAT AMERICA IS SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING FOR IN VIETNAM. AMERICANS ARE THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT NOT EVEN LYNDON JOHNSON, NOR DEAN RUSK, NOR ROBERT MCNAMARA KNOWS.  
C) BUT IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED THAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY, LIBERTY, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND ALL THE OTHER RUBBISH, ALL OF WHICH ARE TOTALLY NON-EXISTENT RIGHT HERE

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IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH.

7. COMMENT: PRESS COMMENTS QUOTED ABOVE ARE JUST SKIMMINGS OF MANY PIECES OF ANTI-WESTERN AND MORE AND MORE ANTI-US ITEMS WHICH ARE SURFACING. EMBASSY AND USIS HAVE DECIDED EACH ITEM CAN NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE PROTESTED AND ANSWERED. WE ARE GENERALLY REDUCING OPPORTUNITIES TO CITE THE US OR BLOWING OUR HORN, STICKING TO ITEMS WHICH ARE GENERAL AND NOT PROVIDING HOOKS ON WHICH ADDITIONAL ATTACKS CAN BE MADE. UPON RETURN OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER ENAHORO, A GENERAL REVIEW OF SITUATION WILL BE MADE. MEANWHILE PAO HUTCHINSON ORALLY PROTESTED NBE NEWS TALK EVENING JULY 17 TO TATARI ALI, PERMSEC MININFO AND A.K. DISU, PRINCIPAL INFO OFFICER FMG. PAO TOLD BOTH OFFICERS COMMENTARY REPRESENTED IMPROPER CONDUCT BY NATION MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS, SAID IT WOULD BE REPORTED TEXTUALLY TO WASHINGTON. PAO TOLD BOTH OFFICERS HE OBJECTED PARTICULARLY TO OFFICIAL BROADCAST IMPUGNING ACTIONS AND MOTIVES OF USG PERSONNEL AND ATTACK UPON SECSTATE ON BASIS OF HEARSAY. TATARI ALI AND DISU MADE CONVENTIONAL POLITE NOISES, BUT NEWSTALK

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NEVERTHELESS REBROADCAST MORNING JULY 18. IN ADDITION, AT REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING JULY 18 (LAGOS 641) PERM SEC ECON DEVELOPMENT AYIDA AND PERM SEC DEFENCE OBEYA IMPLIED CRITICISM OF US AND UK. CONCLUSION IS THAT WE FACING ORCHESTRATED ATTACK INSPIRED BY KEY FMG OFFICIALS AND THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ADDITIONAL VIRULENT AND ILLOGICAL ANTI-US PROPAGANDA.

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YABA LAGOS. DEVICE TRANSPORTED IN AUTOMOBILE. RELIABLE SOURCES  
 SAY REPORT LATER CARRIED ON TELEVISION WITH PIX SHOWING INJURED  
 AND BURNED BEING CARRIED FROM SCENE.  
 POLICE DRAGNET STOPPING CARS, PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES AS FAR  
 AWAY AS TINUBU SQUARE ON LAGOS ISLAND

WITHIN HALF HOUR.

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1. VARIOUS MISSIONARY SOURCES REPORT ABANDONMENT OGOJA PROVINCE BY EASTERN FORCES WAS PRECIPITATED BY UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE MANY LOCAL TRIBES TOWARD ENUGU GOVERNMENT. MOST OGOJA AREA TRIBES PASSIVELY RESENTFUL OF IBOS, FEW PREFER IBOS TO FMG, AND SOME AROUND IKOM ARE OPENLY HOSTILE TO QJUKWU.

2. ACCORDING LUTHERAN AND CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES RECENTLY EVACUATED FROM AREA, DECISION TAKEN BY "BIAFRA" TO GI VE UP OGOJA BECAUSE OF SURPRISING STRENGTH OF FMG ATTACK FROM NORTH-WEST OF GAKEM-NYONYA AREA, DIFFICULTY OF DEFENSE, AND ATTITUDE THAT "OGOJA DESERVES FMG OCCUPATION" BECAUSE OF ANTI-IBOISM.

3. ALL IBO TRIBESMEN LEFT OGOJA PROVINCE BEFORE FMG OCCUPATION, ACCORDING OPINION MISSIONARIES. BRIDGE OVER ANYIM RIVER AT MFUMA WAS REPORTED BLOWN BY EASTERNERS ON JULY 12 OR 13. TRAPPING MANY NON-AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ON EAST SIDE FLOODED RIVER. CROSSING COULD BE MADE ONLY IF

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CARS ABANDONED AND MISSIONARIES RELUCTANT DO THAT. STATUS OF TEN IRISH PRIESTS AND SEVEN NUMS STILL AT OGOJA UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMED GOOD.

4. CATHOLIC SOURCES IN LAGOS ARE TRYING TO KEEP SECRET FACT THAT THREE IRISH PRIESTS FROM NSUKKA AREA WERE TAKEN BY FMG TO MAKURDI. FEAR IS THAT EASTERNERS WILL BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF REMAINING CLERGY IN "BIAFRA" IF PEOPLE LEARN THAT THREE FORMER EASTERN PRIESTS ARE NOW IN MAKURDI, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE PRISONERS THERE. ALLSOURCES REPORT RAMPANT SUSPICION OF WHITES IN AREAS NEAR BATTLE ZONE. MISSIONARIES DISCOURAGED BY LACK SYMPATHY FROM LOCAL PEOPLE HERETOFORE FRIENDLY. MATHEWS  
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- NSC 1. UK HIGH COMMISSSION GAVE US FOLLOWING TEXT THEIR MESSAGE  
INR OF JULY 17 TO C.O. ON STOPPAGE FLOW PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
CIA ON NIGER RIVER BY EASTERN AUTHORITIES.  
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AID 2. "U.A.C. HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN WRITING BY GOVERNMENT OF  
E FORMER EASTERN REGION THAT "PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WILL NOT  
COM BE ALLOWED AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD TO PASS THROUGH  
DOT BIAFRA TO NORTH FOR GAROUA". POSITION WITH REGARD TO OTHER  
INT TYPES OF CARGO WAS TO BE DISCUSSED. THIS INFORMATION  
RSC CONFLICTS WITH REPORTS REACHING HOLTS BUT VESSELS OF NEITHER  
RSC COMPANY ARE PROCEEDING UP RIVER. ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS  
VESSELS PREVIOUSLY SEIZED AT ONITSHA CONTINUE TO BE HELD  
AND CREWS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED. CREWS OF OTHER  
VESSELS ARE NOT THEREFORE EXPECTED TO BE WILLING TO SAIL  
IF ORDERED TO DO SO. THERE ARE ALSO DIFFICULTIES OVER  
WAR-RISKS INSURANCE COVER. PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF  
TRAFFIC ARE THEREFORE GLOOMY AT PRESENT".
3. UKHC ALSO REPORTS HOLTS AND NIGER RIVER TRANSPORT (NRT)  
TUGS AND BARGE TRAINS, LOADED WITH POL, INCLUDING AVIATION  
GAS, NOW MOORED AT ASABA ASSAY, ABOUT 90 MILES BELOW  
ONITSHA IN MIDWEST, AWAITING ASSURANCES THEY WILL BE  
ALLOWED PASS ONITSHA ENROUTE GAROUA. NIGER-BENUE TRANSPORT  
CO. (FRENCH OWNED, CAMEROONIAN FLAG) TUG, ANNE AND BARGE  
LOAD GENERAL CARGO FOR GAROUA, REPORTEDLY PROCEEDING ONITSHA  
TO TEST EASTERN INTENTIONS RE RIVER TRAFFIC.  
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EMB OFF VISITED ASABA AND ONITSHA JULY 15 TO 17 TO EXCHANGE POUCHES AND ASSIST WITH EVACUATION AMCITS. FOLLOWING ITEMS OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC INTEREST NOTED:

A. COMMERCE CONTINUES TO FLOW ACROSS RIVER TO EAST WITH LITTLE HINDRANCE. OBSERVED IN TWO-HOUR PERIOD MOVING BY CANOE WERE BEANS (SACKS OF ABOUT 50 LBS EACH), COTTON, EGHSI SEEDS, WOODEN FURNITURE, A HUNDRED OR MORE IRON BEDS, HAND-WOVEN CLOTH FROM NORTH, 2 X 3' SHEETS OF GLASS, AUTO PARTS, CORRUGATED ROOFING MATERIAL, ONE 30-

PASSENGER BUS, THREE AUTOMOBILES, SOLDIERS AND POLICE ON ASABA SIDE SAID THEY WERE STOPPING FOODSTUFFS, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION BUT CLEARLY SOME FOODSTUFFS WERE PERMITTED TO GO. CHECK VERY CASUAL. ONE FERRY LOAD OF 200 PEOPLE LEFT ASABA WITHOUT ANY CHECK. CEMENT AND ALUMINUM SHEETING AMONG ITEMS OBSERVED MOVING FROM EAST TO MID-WEST.

B. CATTLE OBSERVED BEING DRIVEN BY IBOS FROM AGBOR CATTLE MARKET TO ASABA. THEY ARE TAKEN ACROSS RIVER AT POINT NORTH OF ASABA. PCV RESIDENT IN ASABA ESTIMATES THAT AT LEAST 100 HEAD A DAY CROSS TO EAST AT THIS POINT.

C. FOODPRICES IN ONITSHA AND SURROUNDING TOWNS HAVE RISEN MARKEDLY SINCE PROCLAMATION INDEPENDENCE. MOST OF RISE IN LAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS. SALT UP 3 1/2 TIMES.

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SUGAR UP 2 1/2 TIMES, FLOUR AND GROUND NUT OIL DOUBLED, GARI UP 50 PERCENT. YAMS, MEAT AND SMOKED FISH UP IN VARYING AMOUNTS. GENERAL BELIEF IN ONITSHA THAT RISE PARTIALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOARDING BY DEALERS AND PARTIALLY TO TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES ACROSS RIVER AND WITHIN EAST.

D. TEXTILE PRINTERS OF NIGERIA ONITSHA LIMPING ALONG. OFFICIAL OF COMPANY SAYS PLENTY OF CLOTH ON HAND OR AVAILABLE FROM ACROSS RIVER BUT THREAT OF FMG TO SEIZE PRINTED CLOTH EVEN AFTER IT REACHES SHELF OF MERCHANTS OUTSIDE EAST HAS DRIED UP MOST OF TRADE. ALSO PROBLEMS OF BILLING AND PAYING. EXPATS AT MILL REDUCED FROM 25 TO 8 AND FURTHER REDUCTION UNDERWAY.

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SUBJECT: Current Portuguese Government Views  
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The Embassy has recently obtained a frank expression, from the Director General of Political Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Joao Hall-Themido, of Portuguese Government views concerning the current situation in Congo-K and the government of that country. They were given when an Embassy officer in the course of a meeting with Dr. Themido on other matters referred to the USG support of the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo as demonstrated by the dispatch to that government of three C-130 transport aircraft and crews to provide logistic support for the Congolese government in meeting the current rebellion.

Dr. Themido stated that the Portuguese Government considers the rebellion to be an internal revolt. The Portuguese see a possible connection between the rebellion and the highjacking of Tshombe's plane and the kidnapping of Tshombe, which the Portuguese deplore as they would deplore his extradition to the Congo and execution for treason. The Portuguese believe that the demagogic positions taken by the Mobutu government and its identification with the policies of the extreme African states have provoked opposition in the eastern Congo where Tshombe has adherents and opposition to the Central government has persisted. Themido said that many foreigners are resident in that part of the Congo and may well be sympathetic to and involved in the rebellion. In the Portuguese view, however, Mobutu is claiming foreign interference and instigation to cover up domestic troubles and lack of support at home.

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Dr. Themido indicated Portuguese resentment at the United States' support of the Mobutu government, which he regarded as an enemy of Portugal. He said that the Mobutu government was giving "full support" to Holden Roberto and his organization, whose raids into northeastern Angola have been increasing. He commented that the United States of course had the right to support the present Congolese government, but expressed the hope that the US would use the influence that would follow from this support to make the Congolese government more responsible. The Portuguese on their part considered the Mobutu government thoroughly irresponsible.

Themido did not mention the sack of the Portuguese Embassy in Kinshasha and the rupture of relations with Portugal that followed it. This recollection was undoubtedly back of his statements, however. He commented that Portugal in Angola had the capacity, if it wished, to hurt the Congo because it was stronger than the Congo.

Themido was asked who the Portuguese thought were responsible for the latest cutting of the Benguela Railway within Congolese territory. Themido said the Portuguese had no information on this but assumed that pro-Tshombe elements hostile to Mobutu were probably responsible. He commented that the break in this railway line was in the interests of neither Portugal nor the Congo. He stated that Portugal had offered to make available air transport to keep merchandise moving in spite of the cut in the line.

Themido stated that in view of the support being given by the United States Government to the Congolese government, it would be difficult for the Portuguese Government to accept in the future a US contention that the US had no influence in the Congo when the latter's government pursued policies and supported elements hostile to Portugal, an ally of the United States.

Themido, usually calm, restrained and amiable, spoke with a vigor, feeling and sharpness not characteristic of him. The Embassy officer pointed out that the Congolese government had turned for assistance not to the extreme African states but to the United States, and to Ethiopia, a moderate African government. The Embassy officer also observed that support of the territorial integrity of the Congo defended by the present Congolese government did not necessarily mean endorsement of all the positions and policies of that government.

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1. ENUGU RADIO ASSERTION 16 JULY (REPORTED REFTEL) THAT CIVILIAN VIGILANTES IN VILLAGE EHA AMUFU SHOT DOWN FMG LIGHT PLANE WITH DANE GRUNS MONITORED BY FBIS KADUNA (N162220). ACCORDING FBIS ITEM, ENUGU RADIO SAID IDEOL AICATION NUMBER PLANE SHOT DOWN WAS NAF 155.

2. ARTICLE BY EDEN AKENZUA IN MORNING POST JULY 18, WRITTEN IN MAKURDI, MENTIONS REBEL RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT MORNING JULY 16 THAT NAF QTT SHOT DOWN. HOWEVER, AKENZUA REPORTS "NAF 155 FLEW IN THIS MORNING (JULY 16) AFTER SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN THE EASTERN TOWN OF EHA AMUFU ON SATURDAY NIGHT." AKENZUA SAID PILOT (WHO WLLEGEDLY DETAINED ENUGU) TOLD HIM THAT ALL

PLANES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION HAD RETURNED.

3. NEW NIGERIAN JULY 18 ALSO REPORTS PLANE, A TIGE MOTH, NOT SHOT DOWN, SAYS ENUGU RADIO ABLE GIVE DETAILS BECAUSE REBEL SOLDIERS ON GROUND TOOK NOTE OF REGISTRATION NUMBER AS IF FLEW OVER.

4. COMMENT: AS USUAL WITH NIGERIAN NEWS STORIES, DIFFICULT ASCERTAIN TRUTH. BUT AKENZUA CLAIMS FIRST HAND INFORMATION. MATHEWS.

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1. MAJOR DARAMOLA, CO ABEOKUTA TRAINING DEPOT, AND LT. ILUYOMADE, 2/C 11TH BN, STOPPED BY OFFICE BPAO JULY 17 FOR "FAREWELL CALL". GOONEWARDENE CONFIRMS FROM ABEOKUTA THAT DARAMOLA HAS LEFT, BUT TOOK NO MEN FROM GARRISON. PRESUMABLY BOTH WENT TO FRONT, BUT THIS NOT CLEAR AS BPAO NOT PRESENT WHEN THEY CALLED.
2. MAJOR ABUBAKAR, PRESENT CO, AND MAJOR BAJOWA, WHO EXPECTS TO BE FUTURE CO 11TH BN, BOTH TOLD BPAO THAT 11TH PRESENTLY COMPOSED OF 300 YORUBA TROOPS. BAJOWA (A YORUBA) CONFIRMED THERE FEW NORTHERN TROOPS LEFT IN IBADAN.
3. GOONEWARDENE TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER JULY 18 THAT FMG PLACED

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PAGE 2 RUTALS 28 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
ORDER JULY 15 WITH ABEOKUTA FIRM FOR 20 FIBER GLASS BOATS, TEN CAPABLE HOLDING EIGHT AND TEN FOR THIRTY MEN FOR DELIVERY IN FEW DAYS. HEAD OF FIRM SAID HE COULD COMPLETE ORDER IN 10 DAYS IF HE HAD NECESSARY MATERIALS, FOR WHICH ARMY THEN PROVIDED TRANSPORT. THESE "UNSINKABLE" BOATS CAPABLE BEING USED EITHER FOR RIVER CROSSINGS OR SHALLOW WATER LANDINGS. GOONEWARDENE SAID HIS INFO INDICATED 2,000 MEN WOULD BE INVOLVED IN OPERATION IN WHICH BOATS TO BE USED. SMALL OF BDHC HAS REPORT THAT SIMILAR ORDER MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED EPE BOATYARD.

4. CONSULATE HAS HEARD SEVERAL STORIES INDICATING YORUBA TROOPS ORDERED FRONT LINES ARE DESERTING, ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS INVOLVED VARY BUT RUN AS HIGH AS SEVENTY. FATHER BURKE, CHAPLAIN TO 3RDMN

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TOLD SMALL OF BDHC THAT YORUBA TROOPS "TRYING OUT FOR OLYMPICS,"  
BUT HE UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW MANY.

5. COMMENT: BASIS 2,000 MAN ESTIMATE PARA 3 NOT CLEAR AS SOURCE  
USED DOUBLE-TALK IN PHONING INFO; HOWEVER, HE SAID 2,000 "FLOATS"  
(LIFEPRESERVERS?) ORDERED.

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AMCIT E.O. ROE (DEAN, FACULTY OF JOURNALISM, NSUKKA), WHO LEFT NSUKKA EVENING JULY 15, SAID ONLY ONE BUILDING SUSTAINED "SUPERFICIAL" DAMAGE FROM STRAY MORTAR SHELL OR SHELLS. UNDERSTAND THAT MSU LOCAL EMPLOYEE, WHO HAS BEEN DRIVING TO CAMPUS DAILY TO FEED CATTLE, HAS NOT RPT NOT REPORTED ADDITIONAL DAMAGE. AND SAID "BIAFRAN" FORCES HAVE REOCCUPIED NSUKKA AND SURROUNDING AREA. WILL CONFIRM DAMAGE REPORT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. DECON7/18/68 BARNARD.

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1. BRIT DHC PARKER AND I SAW OJUKWU 1300Z JULY 16 AFTER TWO POSTPONEMENTS EARLIER SCHEDULED MEETINGS. OJUKWU LOOKED FRESH AND RELAXED, LEADING US TO SUSPECT POSTPONEMENTS WERE BECAUSE

HE TOO TIRED TO SEE US AT FIRST.

2. ON TACTICAL MILITARY SITUATION, OJUKWU CONFIRMED BIAFRAN FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN FROM NORTHEAST OGOJA PROVINCE TO LINE WHICH HE DID NOT LOCATE FOR US BUT WHICH WE CONTINUE THINK IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN BANSARA AND OGOJA TOWN. OJUKWU AGAIN INDICATED HE REGARDS OGOJA FRONT AS HOLDING OPERATION WHILE HE DEALS WITH MAIN FMG EFFORT IN NSUKKA SECTOR.

3. FROM OJUKWU AND FROM OTHERS WE GATHER THAT NSUKKA FRONT IS MORE CONFUSING THAN CRITICAL. HE SAID NSUKKA TOWN HAD BEEN NEEDLESSLY ABANDONED BY BIAFRAN TROOPS AND THEN REOCCUPIED AFTER FMG TROOPS HAD FAILED FOLLOW UP OPPORTUNITY HANDED THEM. APPARENTLY THERE MUCH MOVEMENT BY UNITS BOTH SIDES WHO FREQUENTLY FIND SELVES UNEXPECTEDLY CHASING EACH OTHERS TAILS TO MUTUAL

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1. MILITARY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS FROM ANY FRONT. FIRST  
SY APPEMENT OF "BIAFRAN ARMOR" WAS SEEN TODAY WHEN A MILITARY TRUCK  
BER WITH STEEL PLATE WELDED TO IT WAS DRIVEN PAST BRITISH DHC.  
FBO THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN TWO INDEPENDENT REPORTS OF A "BIAFRAN"  
OPR ARMORED TRACKED VEHICLE ON MILIJKAN HILL. (COMMENT: SOURCE  
OC RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. MIGHT BE BULLDOZER WITH STEEL PLATE  
ADDED.)

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2. EVACUATION. AMCITS CONTINUE TRICKLE TO PORT HARCOURT  
TO BOARD SS ISONZO. THUS FAR ABOUT 120 AMCITS, MOSTLY PCV'S,  
HAVE ARRIVED THERE.

3. GENERAL. H ENUGU CALM, SQ  
BUSINESS BEING CONDUCTED AS USUAL.  
ONE SENSES A GROWING AIR OF CONFIDENCE. CONTACTS AT ABA AND  
PORT HARCOURT INDICATE ALL QUIET THERE.  
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AN ENUGU RADIO BROADCAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON REPORTED LT. COL. OJUKWU, HEAD OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION, AS SAYING FEDERAL TROOPS WERE RETREATING AND ABANDONING EQUIPMENT TO HIS FORCES. THERE WAS NO ELABORATION. YESTERDAY, IN A TALK BEFORE A LARGE GATHERING OF CIVIL DEFENSE MILITIA IN ENUGU, HE SAID, "NOTHING ON EARTH, NOT EVEN THE HEAVY WEAPONS AND ALL SORTS OF AMMUNITION," COULD VANQUISH HIS FORCES. MULVEHILL  
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1. PAN AMERICAN SOURCES AT LAGOS AIRPORT STATE THAT THE HAWKER SIDDLEY DH CWT ORDERED SOME TIME AGO BY THE HEAD OF FMG ARRIVED LAGOS DURING COGHT JULY 14 AND HAS BEEN IN HANGAR EVER SINCE. ACCORDING LOCAL BRITISH SOURCES, TERRY MCDONALD EMPLOYED AS CHIEF PILOT OF THE 125 BY THE GON HAS RESIGNED AND DID NOT RETURN WITH THE AIRCRAFT WHICH NOW BEING FLOWN MCDONALD'S FORMER CO-PILOT.
2. PAN AM ALSO REPORTS JET HELICOPTER IS SOON TO BE DELIVERED TO GON BUT TO DATE NO PILOT AVAILABLE TO FLY IT.  
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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE 1300 LOCAL TIME JULY 18 PERMSEC AYIDA, MINISTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND OBEYA, PERMSEC DEFENSE,

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SPOKE OFF RECORD ON EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM EAST, SUBJECT OF ANTI-AMERICANISM, USE OF MERCENARIES BY EAST AND MILITARY SITUATION. FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED BY VOA CORRESPONDENT GRADY WHO ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE BUT IS NOT REPORTING BECAUSE IT OFF RECORD.

2. ON EVACUATION FMG SPOKESMAN SAID NUMBER TO BE EVACUATED WAS OBTAINED FROM EMBASSIES AND IS LIMIT SET BY FMG. IF GREATER NUMBER RETURN ON SHIP FMG WILL BE "DOUBLY SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE EXTRA AY BE MERCENARIES AND SABOTEURS. ALL EVACUEES WILL BE SEARCHED". REUTERS CORRESPONDENT ASKED IF ONLY ONE EVACUATION SHIP WERE TO BE ALLOWED AND OBEYA REPLIED YOU HAVE HAD TWO MONTHS TO GET YOUR PEOPLE OUT, WHY THE FUSS NOW.

3. AYIDA AND OBEYA WERE EVASIVE ON QUESTION WHETHER ANTI-AMERICAN RADIO TALK (LAGOS 614) REPRESENTED GOVERNMENT POLICY. (TEXT HAS SINCE APPEARED AS OFFICIAL RELEASE MININFO). GIST OF DISCUSSION WAS THAT STATEMENTS NOT POLICY BUT APPARENTLY APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT. NO ANTI-US STATEMENTS WERE MADE AT PRESS CONFERENCE.

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4. FMG CLAIMED TO HAVE CAPTURED "HANDFUL OF MERCENARIES" FROM EASTERN FORCES. SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO PROMISE TO PRODUCE ONE OF GIVE EXACT NUMBERS WITH IMPLICATION, PERHAPS FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT, THAT MERCENARIES WOULD BE KILLED. OBEYA SAID REPORTS INDICATE SOME MERCENARIES DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS CLERGY AND FMG FORCES WILL NOT RESPECT CHURCHES IF NECESSARY TO CAPTURE MERCENARIES HIDING IN CLERICAL GARB.

5. ON MILITARY SITUATION TWO PRONGED ATTACK CONTINUED WITH OGOJA PROVINCE "VIRTUALLY CONSOLIDATED". FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE MOVED BEYOND NSUKKA, FIGHTING MANY SNIPERS AND AN OCCASIONAL SMALL UNIT. FMG EXPECTS FIND STRONG "BIAFRAN DEFENSIVE LINE SOMEWHERE NORTH OF ENUGU.

6. SPOKESMAN DREW ATTENTION TO ENUGU BROADCAST BY "POLITICAL COMMISSAR" BUT REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SPEECH AS EITHER LEFTIST OR NOT. SAID ONLY IT INDICATED A DIVISION IN BIAFRAN ARMY COMMAND.

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1. BRIGADIER EJOOR ADDRESSED MID-WEST CONFERENCE OF OBAS AND

CHIEFS JULY 17 AT BENIN, ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, AND DECLARED THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MID-WEST GOVERNMENT WAS TO "DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATE AND TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY OF PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN IT WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION".

2. EJOOR SAID FMG HAD "BEEN RELUCTANTLY COMPELLED CONDUCT NECESSARY POLICE ACTION TO QUELL REBELLION AND SO PAVE WAY FOR RETURN OF HONORABLE PEACE TO THIS ONCE UNITED COUNTRY". HE EMPHASIZED LATER IN SPEECH THAT ACTION WAS NOT AGAINST "IBOS AS SUCH" BUT AGAINST REBEL REGIME "FOR SAKE OF SURVIVAL OF FEDERATION".

3. GOV. EJOOR CALLED FOR INCREASED VIGILANCE AGAINST SUBVERSION AND RUMOR-MONGERING AND MENTIONED THAT "POLICE ACTION GOING ON IN EAST IMPLIES THAT WE IN MID-WEST MORE, PERHAPS, THAN PEOPLE IN OTHER AREAS SHOULD BE MORE VIGILANT THAN WE WERE BEFORE". HE CALLED ATTENTION TO CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION WHICH "HAS SO FAR BEEN WORKING WITH MINIMUM PUBLICITY" AND URGED ITS SUPPORT.

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4. ON SUBVERSION, EJOOR CLAIMED THAT AGITATION FOR SEPARATION IKA-ASABA AREA, OF WHICH "FIRST WHISPERS" WERE HEARD ABOUT TIME CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS BEGAN IN LAGOS LAST SEPTEMBER, IS STILL BEING DEMANDED BY "FEW MID-WESTERNERS BELIEVED TO BE IN PAY OF REBELS IN EAST". EJOOR ADDED: "I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED WHY SOME MID-WESTERNERS SEE NOTHING WRONG IN ATTITUDE OF EAST TO MID-WEST, DESPITE SEVERAL WRONGS WHICH REBEL REGIME THERE HAS COMMITTED AGAINST US". OJUKWU HAS PROMISED, ACCORDING EJOOR, SUM OF FOUR MILLION POUNDS (ABOUT 11.2 MILLION DLRS) FOR DEVELOPMENT ASAP, IKA AND ABOH AREAS IN ADDITION TO MONEY "BEING DIS-TRIBUTED TO PERSONS IN THOSE AREAS".

5. EJOOR POINTED WITH SATISFACTION TO RESTRAINING INFLUENCE OF MID-WEST INPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF LAST YEAR AND BLAMED OJUKWU FOR BREAKING "FAIR COMPROMISE" REACHED BETWEEN EJOOR AND OJUKWU AT ONITSHA BRIDGE REGARDING TRADE BETWEEN EAST AND MID-WEST. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MID-WEST HAS NOT EJECTED EASTERNERS DESPITE EXPULSION OF NON-EASTERNERS BY OJUKWU.

6. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED IN SPEECH WERE: IMPORTANCE OF CHIEFS

AND THEIR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, HIGH PRICE OF FOOD IN BENIN, WARRI AND ASABA DUE TO UNJUSTIFIED HOARDING, AND NEED FOR ALL MID-WEST COMMUNITIES TO "LIVE PEACEABLY AS BROTHERS, SISTERS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS".

7. IN REPLY TO POINT RAISED BY CHIEF FROM IKA AREA, EJOOR SAID MID-WEST COULD NOT BE NEUTRAL WHEN ITS ARMY AND POLICE WERE BEING MAINTAINED BY FMG. HE ASKED: "IF WE REMAIN NEUTRAL NOW THAT EAST HAS DECLARED WAR ON NIGERIA, ON WHAT SIDE DO WE FIGHT --ON SIDE OF MID-WEST OR NIGERIA? HE THEN REPORTEDLY SAID MID-WEST WOULD CONTINUE ITS "STRAIGHT-FORWARD" POLICY "COME-WHAT-MAY".

8. TENSIONS IN MID-WEST CLEARLY APPARENT IN EJOOR SPEECH. SIGNIFICANT POINTS ARE: CAUTIOUS SUPPORT FOR "POLICE ACTION" BY FMG AGAINST "IGBOS", OPPOSITION TO "AGITATION" AMONG MID-WEST IBOS, AND STRONG SUPPORT GIVEN NATIVE CHIEFS (AS PROBABLE TACTIC TO IMPROVE EJOOR ACCEPTABILITY). FACT THAT IBO CHIEF RAISED QUESTION OF "NEUTRALITY" FOR MID-WEST INDICATES THAT LOCAL RELUCTANCE BECOME INVOLVED WITH MILITARY CONFLICT IS VERY REAL FACTOR.  
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LINES VESSEL, S.S. KING JAJA (SEE PAR 3C, USDAO, LAGOS SECRET  
MSG 0278 JULY 67) TOOK TATIONS AND WATER ON BOARD THIS MORNING  
(18 JULY) AND THAT VESSEL, QUOTE BY ORDER FMG UNQUOTE HAD BEEN  
ORDERED MOVE TO BERTH TEN, APAPA WHARFS, 1800 HOURS LOCAL TIME  
THIS EVENING. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MOST INTERESTING TO NOTE

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THAT AS OF APPRTP 0900 LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING (WHEN NNS OGOJA  
ARRIVED BACK LAGOS HARBOR FROM STATION EASTERN NIGERIA WATERS)  
ALL VESSELS NIGERIAN NAVY WHICH HAD BEEN INVOLVED BLOCKADE  
EASTERN NIGERIAN WATERS TIED UP AT NAVY YARD APAPA. AT APPROX  
100 HOURS LOCAL TIME, NNS LOKOJA (LANDING CRAFT TANK, OBSERVED  
RUNNING BACK AND FORTH LAGOS HARBOR IN EVIDENT TRIAL MACHINERY  
AND/OR EQUIPMENT. AFTER TRIAL RUNS LOKOJA RETURNED APAPA  
NAVY YARD. (DATT COMMENT: VERY CLOSE WATCH WILL BE MAINTAINED  
THIS DEVELOPMENT AS INDICATIONS ARE THAT LONG RUMORED FMG MOVE  
TROOPS TO MID-WEST OR EASTERN WATERS MIGHT BE IN OFFING. THIS  
MIGHT EXPLAIN PRESENCE ALL BLOCKADE UNITS NIGERIAN NAVY AT APAPA.  
CONCEIVABLY, IF SIZEABLE SEABORNE TROOP MOVEMENT TO TAKE PLACE,  
LIMITED CAPACITY AND FIREPOWER FEDERAL NAVY WOULD BE REQUIRED  
IN SUPPORT OPERATION. FURTHER, ONE OF VERY FEW TACTICALLY  
ACCEPTABLE REASONS WHICH WOULD SEEM JUSTIFY FMG AND/OR NAVY  
LEAVING EASTERN BLOCKADE AREA UNCOVERED THIS MOST SENSITIVE

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PERIOD WOULD BE BELIEF IMMINENT OPERATIONS IN AREA RENDERED ANY SHORT RANGE DAMAGE WHICH COULD BE DONE IN MOSE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ALMOST ACADEMIC. IF, ON OTHER HAND, THIS SEEMINGLY OBVIOUS CONCLUSION NOT SUPPORTED BY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS, WILL

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HAVE TO PUSH FOR REASONS BEHIND THIS MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION)

2. U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR (PROTECT SOURCE) TALKED THIS MORNING TO COLONEL J.R. AKAHAN, C/S NIGERIAN ARMY, AT ARMY HQ, LAGOS. AKAHAN, IN DISCUSSING LATEST SERIES EVENTS IN EASTERN CAMPAIGN REVEALED THAT:

A. FMG TOOK MOMENTARY SETBACK IN NSUKKA AREA ON 15 JULY WHEN EIGHTH BN EASTERN FORCES MOVED NORTH EAST ON ROUTE THREE, WEST OF NSUKKA, IN DIRECTION OBLOO, AND HIT INF COMPANY OF FMG FOURTH BATTALION WHICH DID NOT SUSPECT PRESENCE EASTERN BN IN AREA. A HARD BATTLE ENSUED IN WHICH, AFTER FMG COMPANY HAD BEEN BADLY MAULED, FMG COUNTERATTACK REESTABLISHED FMG CONTROL KEY ROAD AND ADJACENT AREAS. AKAHAN CLAIMED THAT IN FMG COUNTERATTACK EIGHTH EASTERN BN BATTERED TO POINT WHERE IT CEASED TO EXIST AS EFFECTIVE FIGHTING UNIT. WITH RESPECT PRESENCE EIGHTH BN (CARRIED BY DATT AT PORT HARCOURT) IN NSUKKA AREA, AKAHAN SAID BN HAD MOVED NORTH ON 12TH AND 13TH WITHOUT MOVEMENT BEING DETECTED BY FMG. THUS, WHEN EMPLOYED, ITS PRESENCE CAME AS INITIAL SURPRISE AND SHOCK FMG COMMANDERS AND UNITS ON GROUND NSUKKA AREA. (DATT COMMENT: THIS INFO OFFERS SOME CONFIRMATION OF INDICATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER

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DATT SOURCES THAT OJUKWU HAS BEEN FORCED TO REINFORCE NSUKKA FRONT BY INSERTION BNS FROM OTHER DEFENSIVE AREAS INCLUDING VERY VULNERABLE RIVERS AREA (SEE PAR 5, USDAO SECRET MSG 0286 JULY 67).

BN IN COMMENTS ON OGOJA SECTOR, AKAHAN ADMITTED FMG MOPPING UP PROCESS IN OGOJA PROVINCE BEING HAMPERED BY NUMBER GUERRILLA BANDS OPERATING ALONG NORTHERN BORDER PROVINCE. ONE SUCH BAND HAD RECENTLY MADE INCURSION INTO NORTHERN TERRITORY AS FAR AS ADIKPO APPROX EIGHTEEN MILES NORTH OBUDO. AKAHAN SAID ALTHOUGH THESE BANDS HARRASSING FMG BATTALIONS, FMG NOT UNDULY WORRIED OVER THEM. ON FMG GAINS THIS SECTOR, AKAHAN SAID TROOPS WERE QUOTE AT BANSARA AREA UNQUOTE AND COLUMN FMG TROOPS ON MOVE SOUTH TOWARD IKOM.

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C. AKAHAN SAID THIRD BN IBADAN PRESENTLY (SIC) CROSSING FERRY LOKOJA ENROUTE JOIN FIRST FMG SECTOR NSUKKA FRONT. THIS INFO CONFIRMED BY LTC OBASANJO, C.O. SECOND AREA COMMAND (IBADAN), WHO WAS IN C/S OFFICE DURING THIS PORTION DISCUSSION. OBASANJO SAID DEPARTURE THIRD BN, WITH YORUBA CO LTC SOTOMI, FOR FRONT HAD LEFT HIM (OBASANJO) VERY SHORT TROOPS HE REQUIRED FOR HIS SECURITY MISSIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDED ILORIN, JEBBA BRIDGE AND

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KAINJI DAM. IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, OBASANJO SAID THAT NEW, ALL YORUBA, ELEVENTH BN NOW FORMING IBADAN WOULD VERY SHORTLY BE FLESHED OUT TO WHERE IT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PERFORMANCE SECURITY DUTIES ASSIGNED OBASANJO.

D. AKAHAN DISCUSSED OVERALL AIMS FEDERAL FORCES AND TOLD SOURCE QUOTE CATAGORICALLY UNQUOTE THAT FMG FORCES HAD NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER GOING DOWN, OR MOVING PARALLEL WITH, ROAD TO ENUGU AS FMG APPRECIATED THREAT TO THEIR LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS IF THIS ROUTE USED. AKAHAN SAID THAT IF AND WHEN TIME COMES TAKE ENUGU IT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT ROUTE OF ADVANCE WOULD FOLLOW ATTACK ON ABAKALIKI THENCE WEST TO ENUGU QUOTE ALONG MORE ACCEPTABLE ROUTE OF ADVANCE UNQUOTE. (SEE PAR 4, USDAO SECRET MESSAGE 0273 JULY 67). AKAHAN CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT FMG NOT AFTER QUICK VICTORY SINCE IT DOES NOT HAVE FORCES WAGE THIS TYPE CAMPAIGN WITH RISKS INHERENT IN TAKING SEVERE PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT LOSSES. RATHER, HE SAID, FMG'S PRIMARY AIM THIS MOMENT IS TO RE-ESTABLISH CIVILIAN CONTROL IN RECAPTURED AREAS; FIRST IN NSUKKA DIVISION, THEN IN OGOJA PROVINCE; BEFORE MOVING ON FURTHER INTO HEART IBO TERRITORY. (NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT, PER SE,

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PRECLUDE INITIATION ACTION AND/OR OPERATIONS OTHER FRONTS).

3. WITH RESPECT THIS INFO FROM AKAHAN ON PRESENT GOAL FMG IN AREAS OF EAST NOW HELD, DATT HAD SAME INFO THIS MORNING FROM COMMISSIONER L.A. MARSDEN, (PROTECT SOURCE) SENIOR EXPAT NIGERIA POLICE, WHO INVOLVED PRESENTLY PLANNING FOR REORGANIZATION NIGERIA POLICE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NEW STATE STRUCTURE, AFTER CURRENT FIGHTING COMES TO HALT. MARSDEN SAID FMG HAD TEAM ON FRONT AT PRESENT CHARGED WITH INITIATING ACTIONS REQUIRED TO REESTABLISH FMG CIVILIAN CONTROL OF AREAS HELD. POLICE MEMBER OF TEAM WAS DEPUTY IG, NIGERIA POLICE, MR. T. OMO BARE. SOURCE SAID THAT FMG PROGRESS WAS SLOW BY

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VIRUE OVRAL FMG CONCEPT WHICH CALLED FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF FORWARD AREAS, REVISION OR ORIGINAL PLANS TO MEET PREVAILING SITUATION, -3, SEIAURE OF OBJECTIVES AND THEN, AS FINAL STEP IN PROCESS, CONSOLIDATION OF HOLDINGS AND MOVING IN OF HOLDING FORCES PRIOR INITIATION ACTIONS DESIGNED ACHIEVE FURTHER ADVANCES.  
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4. IN DISCUSSING REORGANIZATION NIGERIA POLICE, MARSDEN DWELLED ON PROBLEMS EXPECTED BE ENCOUNTERED IN REESTABLISHING FMG POLICE CONTROL OVER EASTERN STATES IF FMG WAS SUCCESSFUL IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST. MARSDEN THOUGHT JOB REORGANIZATION COULD BE DONE IN QUOTE FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE UNQUOTE IN OLD MINORITY AREAS (NOW SOUTHEASTERN AND RIVERS STATES) AS THERE WERE SUFFICIENT NUMBER GOOD NIGERIA POLICE PERSONNEL FROM THESE AREAS THAT COULD GET THINGS GOING AGAIN. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT SUBSTANTIAL RECRUITING MIGHT BE NECESSARY FROM THESE TRIBAL AREAS TO RECONSTITUTE POLICE STRUCTURE FULLY

ACCEPTABLE THESE NEW STATES. WITH REGARD PROBLEMS EXPECTED CENTRAL EASTERN STATE (IBO LAND) MARSDEN SAID THAT, OBVIOUSLY, THINGS WOULD NOT GO QUITE SO SMOOTHLY. INITIALLY, HE SAID, WHAT EVER POLICE STRUCTURE REMAINED WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT POLICE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND OF POLICE MEMBERS INVOLVED. IN LONG RUN, HOWEVER, QUOTE ENTIRE STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE MINUTELY EXAMINED TO DETERMINE THOSE OF THE PERSONNEL REMAINING TO BE KEPT ON AND THOSE WHICH, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, PRIMARILY TRIBAL/POLITICAL IN NATURE, WOULD BE DISMISSED FROM FORCE UNQUOTE. SOURCE SAID THAT PROCESS OR RE-EVALUATION IBO MEMBERS NIGERIA POLICE WOULD BE QUOTE SOMETHING LIKE DENAZIFICATION PROCESS UNQUOTE. SOURCE MENTIONED ONLY ONE EASTERN POLICE OFFICER BY NAME. HE SAID, QUOTE I WOULD IMAGINE THAT PATRICK OKEKE WILL BE AMONG THOSE WHO WILL BE RETIRED UNQUOTE. (OKEKE OF COMMISSIONER RANK, IS SENIOR NIGERIA POLICE OFFICIAL IN EAST).

5. ON AFTERNOON 18 JULY, S.S. ARTHUR-WORREY, SENIOR LEGAL ADVISOR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (PROTECT SOURCE) TOLD DATT THAT IN HIS VIEW (HE ITSEKIRI NATIVE WARRI IN MID-EST) MATTER OF LOYALTY TO FMG OF MID-EST IBOS, WITH EMPHASIS ON MID-WEST

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IBO OFFICERS CONTROLLING MIL IN MID-WEST, NOT YET FIRM. WORREY OBVIOUSLY DID NOT TRUST THEM AND SAID THAT HE DID NOT DISCOUNT MOVE BY OJIKWU INTO MIDWEST IN ORDER EXPLOIT PRESENCE LARGE IBO POPULATION AND LIMITED MID-WESTERN IBO MIL FORCE. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT DISTRUST OF LOYALTIES OF MID-WEST IBO IN FMG SERVICE, ON PART FMG, WAS MAKING ITSELF FELT. SOURCE SAID FEW MID-WESTERN IBO'S REMAINED IN TRULY SENSITIVE FMG CIVIL POSITIONS. SOME SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS WERE QUOTE ON DIRECTED LEAVE UNQUOTE WHILE JUNIOR OFFICERS IN CIVIL SERVICE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM SENSITIVE MINISTRIES SUCH AS DEFENSE TO NON-SENSITIVE ASSIGNMENTS IN NON-CRITICAL MINISTRIES. NAMES OF SEVERAL MID-WESTERN IBO JUNIOR OFFICERS IN MINISTRY DEFENSE, KNOWN TO DATT, WERE CITED BY SOURCE TO MAKE HIS POINT. SOURCE SAID THAT SITUATION RESULTING WAS NOT GOOD AT ALL BUT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT OTHER CHOICE FMG HAD IN VIEW OF EXISTING SITUATION.

6. ON AFTERNOON 18 JULY, SAME SOURCE PAR 5, ABOVE, TOLD DAO MAP OFFICER, THAT PERM SEC MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABDULA ATTA, NO LONGER FAIR HAired BOY WITH GOWON. SOURCE SAID THAT ON HIS (WORREY'S) RECENT PURCHASING TRIP (MIL EQUIPMENT) TO

EUROPE HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO STAY IN EUROPE FOR ALMOST MONTH ON TRIP THAT ALL IN FMG EXPECTED WOULD TAKE ONLY FEW DAYS. SOURCE SAID THAT CONTACTS AND SPADE WORK WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY ATTA WHO HAD ASSURED GOWON ALL TAKEN CARE OF. UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN EUROPE, HOWEVER, SOURCE ALLEGED, HE FOUND LITTLE IF NOTHING IN FACT ACCOMPLISHED AND, AS CONSEQUENCE, SOURCE HAD TO TAKE ON WHOLE JOB. SOURCE SAID THAT GOWON HAD BECOME VERY DISENCHANTED WITH ATTA'S PERFORMANCE THIS MATTER CONSIDERED CRITICAL BY GOWON. (DATT COMMENT: IT ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HAND CHIEF OBAFEMI AWOLowo, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, WHO ALLEGEDLY STRONGLY ANTI-ATTA, CAN BE SEEN IN THIS RATHER NEW AND, IF TRUE, SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT ON NIGERIAN POLITICAL SCENE). GP-3.

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1. New York Times article July 16 quotes broadcast from Enugu by "public relations officer of Biafran army" and its "political commissar" blaming fall of Nsukka on sabotage, including disclosure of battle plans, by Biafrans. Added "revolutionary wing of Biafran Army, backed by entire working people, will soon redress defeat." Article noted observers in Lagos surprised at leftist terminology of broadcast and implication that split exists in rebel army.
2. Referenced report indicated speaker quoted above may be "Major" Philip M. Alale who is mentioned in ANE-247. Would appreciate any info you may have on his current activities and significance of language in broadcast.

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1. TEXT OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OVER ENUGU RADIO AT 1404 GMT JULY 15 BY "PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR" OF BIAFRAN ARMY REPORTED BY FBIS (ITEM N151430). THIS TEXT

REVEALS OTHER INTERESTING COMMUNIST-TYPE LANGUAGE IN ADDITION TO TITLE OF "POLITICAL COMMISSAR" USED BY MAN MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, NOTE FOLLOWING: (A) "REVOLUTIONARY WING OF THE BIAFRAN ARMY BACKED BY THE ENTIRE WORKING PEOPLE"; (B) "REVOLUTIONARY WING OF THE BIAFRAN ARMY IS STILL CONFIDENT IN FINAL VICTORY AND IN THE ABILITY OF OUR HIGHLY OFFENDED MASSES". LAST SENTENCE OF TEXT ABOUT WORKING PEOPLE WILL TAKE THEIR "TRUE POSITION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REACTION" INDICATES LEFTIST ELEMENTS TRYING MAKE GAINS FOR THEMSELVES OUT OF CONFUSED SITUATION IN EAST WHEN O. NUKWU'S FORCES BEING HARD PRESSED BY FMG.

2. FULL TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS FOR INFO ADDRESSEES WHO DO NOT GET FBIS REPORT. "THIS IS THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE BIAFRAN ARMY, BROADCASTING A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE NATION. THE MONTHS AHEAD OF INTERNAL REACTION WITHIN OUR YOUNG NATION HAS STRUCK A BLOW

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SERIOUSLY THREATENING THE INTEGRITY OF OUR YOUNG REPUBLIC. THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT TRAITORS OF BIAFRAN ORIGIN, NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY FROM THE SO-CALLED MINORITY AREAS, HAVE BEEN REVEALING THE INNER STRUCTURE OF OUR

BASIC MILITARY PLANS FOR PROSECUTION OF THE WAR AND THAT QUITE RECENTLY OUR PLANS FOR EACH BATTLE HAVE EITHER BEEN DISCLOSED TO THE ENEMY OR SABOTAGED BY MYSTERIOUS ORDERS TO OUR FIELD COMMANDERS SUPPOSEDLY GIVEN FROM THE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN ENUGU, ADDRESSED TO OUR FIELD COMMANDERS, AND AIMED AT PREVENTING OUR FORWARD TROOPS FROM LAUNCHING CERTAIN ATTACKS WHICH WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY LIQUIDATED ENEMY TROOPS.

"YESTERDAY, A SPECIAL ATTACK WHICH WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY SEALED THE DOOM OF ENEMY TROOPS IN THE NSUKKA SECTOR OF THE NORTHERN FRONT WAS RUTHLESELY SABOTAGED BY A MYSTERIOUS ORDER FROM THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND, OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT CONFUSING OUR

VALIANT COMMANDERS IN THE FRONT. AS A RESULT OF THIS WICKED BETRAYAL OUR VALIANT TROOPS IN THAT SECTOR WERE TREACHEROUSLY EXPOSED TO ENEMY FLANKS AND HAD TO BE RETREATED AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE. THE LOCAL COLLABORATORS OF THE NORTHERN VANDALS AND INVADERS ARE NOW EITHER THROUGH IGNORANCE OR DELIBERATE TREACHERY JUBILATING OVER THIS OBVIOUSLY TEMPORARY SITUATION. BUT THE REVOLUTIONARY WING OF THE BIAFRA ARMY BACKED BY THE ENTIRE WORKING PEOPLE WILL SOON PROVE HOW HOPELESSLY WRONG THEY ARE.

"THE REVOLUTIONARY WING OF THE BIAFRAN ARMY IS STILL

CONFIDENT IN FINAL VICTORY AND IN THE ABILITY OF OUR HIGHLY OFFENDED MASSES TO DEAL WITH THE ENEMY. A PROGRESSIVE, HARD WORKING PEOPLE OF BIAFRA WILL THEREFORE FROM HENCEFORTH BEGIN TO TAKE THEIR TRUE POSITION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REACTION AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION."

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1. BELIEVE ONLY WAY TO COUNTER LINE ABOUT SPHERES OF INFLUENCE IS TO EXPLAIN BRIAIN AS LEADER OF COMMONWEALTH HAS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO NIGERIA. WOULD PREFER DOWNPLAY TOPIC OF ARMS SUPPLY, BUT IN THIS CONNECTION FULLY SUPPORT LINES SUGGESTED KADUNA'S 65. SUCH STATEMENT BY DEPT WOULD HELP EXPLAIN USG CONTROLS OVER ARMS EXPORTS BOTH IN KADUNA AND LAGOS.

2. IF SUCH STTEMENT CANNOT BE MADE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT BEST NOT TO SAY ANYTHING RATHER THAN TRY LINE PROPOSED

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1. ON ORDERS PRESUMABLY FROM LAGOS REMAINDER 3RD BN LEFT IBADAN JULY 15-16. ORDERS WERE TO PROCEED TO NSUKKA INSTEAD OF OWO AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED (IBADAN 17). THIS INFO GIVEN BPAO BY LT. COL. SOTOMI, CO 3RD BN, EVENING JULY 15. HE SAID BN WAS "TO TAKE PART IN STORMING OF ENUGU." SOTOMI, IN

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 PRESENCE BPAO MADE EFFORTS OBTAIN RETURN OF MEN SECONDED TO NEWLY FORMED 11TH BN AND CALLED MAJOR DARAMOLA, CO ABEOKUTA TRAINING DEPOT IN EFFORT OBTAIN ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCED NCO'S. OVERHEARD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION IN WHICH SOTOMI GAVE ORDERS TO COMMANDER CIVILIAN TRANSPORT AS 3RD BN LACKED SUFFICIENT MILITARY TRANSPORT.

2. GOONEWARDENE TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER ON 16TH THAT 200 YORUBAS WHO PASSED OUT OF ABEOKUTA TRAINING DEPOT ON JULY 8 (IBADAN 13) ALL SENT TO THE FRONT AS WERE 200 WHO PASSED OUT OF KADUNA.

3. GOONEWARDENE SAID HE HEARD FROM YORUBA CAPT. THAT ALMOST 20,000 VETERANS HAD VOLUNTEERED FOR MILITARY SERVICE IN NORTH. OVER 7,000 HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AND 5,000 HAD BEEN SENT TO SOUTHERN BENUE TO REPLACE NORTHERN CASUALTIES.

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4. COMMENT: AS FAR AS IS KNOWN MOVEMENT OF 3RD  
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LARGE NUMBER OF YORUBA TROOPS ( EST. 350) // ACTION

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AGAINST EAST. IF THIS MOVEMENT PROCEEDS AS PLANNED, WITH  
REMOVAL OF 3 RD BN, 2ND FIELD BATTERY AND 1ST RECCE SQUAD FROM  
WEST, NORTHERN "OCCUPATION OF WEST" WILL HAVE BEEN, WITH A  
FEW EXCEPTIONS IN AREA COMMAND, PRACTICALLY ACCOMPLISHED.  
ONLY 11TH BN, WHICH IS TO BE AN ALL YORUBA TRAINING BATTALION,  
AND 2ND AREA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS NOW REMAIN IN IBADAN.

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1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FMG MILITARY SUCCESSES AT NSUKKA AND OGOJA GREETED WITH MORE DISMAY THAN PLEASURE BY AG YORUBA INTELLECTUALS TO WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN. AT SMALL INTIMATE DINNER EVENING JULY 15TH AT ASST AID DIRECTOR REED'S, ODUMOSU (SEC TOMILGOVT), OLUWASANMI (VICE-CHANCELLOR IFE UNIVERSITY) AND JUSTICE KAYODE ESO (WESTERN COURT OF APPEALS) (PROTECT SOURCES) ALL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HARVEST OF BITTERNESS CONTINUED KILLING IN EAST WILL BRING. WHILE

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 CRITICAL OF OJUKWU FOR PERSONAL AMBITION AND INFLEXIBILITY IN DAYS PRECEDING EASTERN UDI, ALSO CRITICAL OF GOWON'S ADVISERS FOR PRESSING HIM TO SEEK MILITARY "SOLUTION." SAID JUSTICE ESO, "CRUSHING EAST NOT WAY TO MAKE NIGERIA ONE." OLUWASANMI CRITICAL OF TONE OF FMG PROPAGANDA AND FOUND USE OF WORD "CRUSH" PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE.

2. ALL THESE MEN REFERRED TO "NORTHERN" (FNOT FMG) MILITARY ADVANCE IN EAST AND IT BECAME CLEAR THEY FEARFUL OF CONSEQUENCES FOR WEST OF "NORTHERN" MILITARY SUCCESS IN EAST. AS INTELLECTUALS AND MODERNIZERS, THEY SEE CONFWWCT IN TERMS OF CONTINUING DETERMINATION OF CONSERVATIVE NORTH TO DOMINATE MORE ADVANCED SOUTH AND THEY EXPRESSED FEAR THAT ONCE NORTH SUBDUES EAST IT WILL SEEK ASSERT OUTRIGHT DOMINANCE OVER WEST. CENTER OF TROUBLE MIGHT THEN SWING BACK TO WEST WHERE IT HAD STARTED. CONSIDERED IT POSSIBLE THAT ONCE FMG NO LONGER NEEDED AWO IT WOULD GET RID OF HIM. (COMMENT: THIS COULD BE OBVERSE SIDE OF AG UNCERTAINTIES AS TO HOW LONG AWO'S PRESENCE IN LAGOS WILL SERVE WEST'S INTERESTS.)

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3. GROUP ALSO TROUBLED OVER ANTI-IBO RIOTING IN OGOJAON (WHICH THEY BLAMED ON FMG PROPAGANDA) AND REGISTRATION OF IBOS IN LAGOS, WHICH ESO DESCRIBED AS "SHAMEFUL." ODUMOSU FEARED WESTERN MILGOV MIGHT BE PRESSED DO LIKEWISE.

4. NO CRITICISM VOICED OF US ARMS POLICY TOWARDS NIGERIA. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, SOME CRITICISM OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S STATEMENT ATTRIBUTING TO SECRETARY VIEW THAT NIGERIAN PROBLEM BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY. CRITICISM APPEARED DERIVE FROM THEIR SUSPICIONS (UNDEFINED) OF BRITISH ROLE IN CURRENT SITUATION AND DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENT US POLICY (UNSPECIFIED).

5. COMMENT: MOOD WAS SOMBRE AND UNCERTAIN. WOULD CLEARLY HAVE PREFERRED EVEN MOST TENUOUS POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH EAST TO ARMED CONFLICT. WOULD STILL PREFER NEGOTIATED PEACE TO OUTRIGHT FMG VICTORY BUT FEARFUL THAT CHANCES OF FORMER HAVE DIMMED AND THAT FMG WILL PRESS FOR LATTER, WITH OMINOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR WEST. NO CLEAR INDICATION OF HOW THEY WOULD PROPOSE RESOLVE THIS DILEMMA BUT EVIDENT SOME PAINFUL REFLECTION GOING ON AMONG A INTELLECTUALS. NNWP YORUBAS ON OTHER

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HAND PRESUMABLY CHEERED BY REPORTS OF FMG VICTORIES, WHICH NO DOUBT ONE OF REASONS FOR SOMBRE MOOD OF AG INTELLECTUALS. AG POLITICIANS MAY BE TAKING SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LINE. DR. GOONWARDINE REPORTS STRONG SUPPORT OF FMG BY AG POLITICIANS IN ABEOKUTA. HOWEVER, THIS MAY BE MORE QUESTION OF SHORT-TERM TACTICS THAN BWCIC OUTLOOK.

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SUBJECT: ED COMMENTS ON SITUATION IN CALABAR

1. LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES JULY 15 REPORTS EAST HAS FROZEN ASSETS  
OF ELDER DEMPSTER (ED) AND PALM LINE AS APPARENT REPRISAL FOR

COMPANIES' POLICY RESPECT FMG BLOCKADE EASTERN PORTS. ED AND  
PALM LINE LAGOS REPS. CONFIRM PRESS STORY SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.  
BUT THAT ORIGINAL ADVICE FROM "BIAFRAN MINISTRY COMMERCE AND IND-  
USTRY" JULY 7 WHICH FROZE ASSETS BOTH COMPANIES MODIFIED JULY 11  
BY STATEMENT COMPANIES' OPERATIONS WERE TO BE CLOSED DOWN AND  
HANDLED OVER TO "BIAFRAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE".

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2. IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT "BIAFRAN" MINISTRY ORDER DEALS ON-  
LY WITH SHIPPING COMPANIES' OPERATIONS IN PORT HARCOURT. ED  
ASSETS IN PORT HARCOURT LIMITED TO SOME BUILDINGS, VEHICLES  
ETC. MAIN ED PROPERTY LOCATED CALABAR, WHICH PORT OPERATED BY  
ED ULN PALM LINES TOGETHER ON BEHALF NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY.  
ED HAS 6 TUGS, TWO 100 TON BARGES, TWO OIL BARGES, 20 LIGHTERS  
AND TWO PASSENGER FERRIES AT CALABAR. ACCORDING ED REP., ENUGU  
AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTED TAKE OVER ED CALABAR FACILITIES AND  
CRAFT THREE WEEKS AGO, BUT ORDER QUICKLY RESCINDED WITH NO  
REASON GIVEN. SINCE THEN, ED HAS EXPERIENCED NO INTERFERENCE IN  
CALABAR FROM ENUGU OR CALABAR AUTHORITIES. ED OFFICE LAGOS  
BELIEVES CALABAR NOT CONTROLLED BY ENUGU FOR PAST THREE WEEKS,  
BUT APPEARS TO BE CURIOUSLY GOVERNED AS AUTONOMOUS UNIT. WE

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1. WE ARE FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT HAUSAS HAVE NOT RPT NOT TAKEN  
ENUGU. BASIS OUR CONVICTION IS FACT WE LIVE HERE AND  
HAVE NOT SEEN OR HEARD OF HAUSAS CLOSER THAN 40 MILES TO  
NORTH WHERE FIGHTING HAS BEEN GOING ON NEAR NSUKKA FOR

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PAST TWO WEEKS.

2. THERE ARE PROBABLY A NUMBER OF EASTERN NIGERIAN POLICE  
WHO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN CAMEROON FROM OGOJA PROVINCE  
AFTER BRIDGES ON ROAD FROM OGOJA TO ABAKALIKI BLOWN BY BIAFRAN  
ARMY WHEN MAKING TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL TO LESS EXTENDED POSITIONS  
LATE LAST WEEK. WITH ACCESS TO ENUGU CUT, POLICE HAD GOOD  
REASON REQUEST ASYLUM IN CAMEROON; THERE ARE REPORTS THEY  
BEING SYSTEMATICALLY KILLED WHEN CAPTURED BY FMG TROOPS IN  
THAT PART OGOJA PROVINCE FROM WHICH BIAFRAN FORCES WITHDRAWN.  
ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE JUDGE HOW MANY POLICE SEEKING  
ASYLUM, WE BELIEVE NUMBER OF 200 PLUS FAMILIES GROSSLY  
EXAGGERATED.

3. WHILE WE APPRECIATE REPORTS OF RUMORS HAVING  
DIRECT BEARING ON EVENTS IN "BIAFRA", WE BELIEVE ONLY UNTOLD  
MISCHIEF CAN RESULT BY WIDE CIRCULATION THIS KIND OF  
STORY, PARTICULARLY WHEN UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR ACCOMPANIED  
BY CONCLUSIONS PARA 3 REFTTEL. REQUEST IN FUTURE WE BE GIVEN  
OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON ALLEGED EVENTS

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IN ENUGU CONSULAR DISTRICT BEFORE THEY GIVEN CURRENCY BY WIDE  
CIRCULATION IN REPORTS FROM OTHER POSTS.

4. POLICE MORALE IN BIAFRA HIGH AND THEY VERY EFFECTIVE.

5. BRITISH DNC PARKER CONCURS WITH FOREGOING. BARNARD

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1. JULY 17 ISSUE NEW NIGERIAN CARRIES FULL PAGE LETTERS TO EDITOR CRITICAL OF US AND UK AND THEIR ALLEGED ROLES IN PRESENT NIGERIAN CRISIS. ONE LETTER HEADLINE "DAMNABLE ROLES OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA." MAIN POINTS OF LETTERS ARE

AS SUMMARIZED:

- A. RECENT CONDUCT OF UK AND US SHOCKING, SURPRISING, DISAPPOINTING, PAINFUL.  
B. UK CAN HAVE NO DOUBT ILLEGALITY ITS ACTION IN OFFERING SHELL-BP ROYALTIES TO OJUKWU. UNDERSTANDABLE TO A POINT THAT BRITISH NEED TO PROTECT INTERESTS, BUT THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE TELLING US NIGERIA CONTRAVENING INTERNATIONAL LAW.  
C. OUR OLD FRIENDS (READ UK, US) COUNSELED FMG TO ERR ON SIDE OF CAUTION. WE HEEDED ADVICE WHILE REBELS USED THE TIME TO PREPARE. NOW, WHEN FMG TAKES HONORABLE CHOICE OF FIGHTING OJUKWU, OUR FRIENDS MAINTAIN THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH REBEL GROUP, EVEN INCREASING THEIR COMMERCIAL LINKS WITH REBELS.  
D. EQUALLY BAFFLING IS ROLE OF US WHICH SOUGHT TO HUMILIATE US PUBLICLY FOR NO JUST CAUSE.  
(1) SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT "FRIENDLY" USG KNEW ALL ABOUT B-26, OTHERWISE HOW COULD SHE HAVE COME OUT WITH ALL INFORMATION ON THESE PLANES (SIC) AND SO PROMPTLY?  
(2) USG EVEN UNABLE ACT AS IMPARTIAL UMPIRE BY ISSUING IMPORT ARMS PERMIT TO THE ONLY NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

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(3) NOT ONLY HAVE PLANES AND ARMS BEEN SOLD TO REBELS BY AMERICAN CONCERNS BUT ALSO REBEL PROPAGANDA MACHINE MASTER-MINDED BY AMCIITS.14

(4) STATE DEPARTMENT FALSE CLAIMS THAT FMG SOUGHT MILITARY AID TOGETHER WITH REBEL POSSESSION OF B-26 INDICATE US PROFESSION OF FRIENDSHIP IS HOLLOW AND USG HAS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INTERFERED IN NIGERIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BSV HELPING ENUGU REBELS.

E. LOGICAL CONCLUSION IS THAT "FRIENDS" UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT FOR NIGERIA ENDS WHERE OUR INTERESTS CLASH WITH THEIRS. WE HOPE WHEN NORMALITY RETURNS, FUTURE NIGERIAN POLICY MAKERS BEAR PRESENT BITTER EXPERIENCE IN MIND WHEN THEY ADOPT FRESH FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD REST OF WORLD.

2. COMMENT: AL LETTERS TO EDITOR EMANATE FROM ZARIA, TWO OF LETTERS BY LECTURERS AT INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION, AHMADU BELLOE UNIVERSITY. LETTERS ARE GENERALLY WELL WRITTEN.

A. RESPONSE TO USG ANNOUNCEMENT OF B-26 (D(1) ABOVE) SHOWS

CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF TIMING OUR RESPONSES CORRECTLY. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT REMARKED THAT ANY USG STATEMENT CLARIFYING US STAND ON NIGERIA MUST COME NOW, SINCE TO WAIT UNTIL OJUKWU CRUSHED WOULD BE VIEWED AS INSINCERE, PRO-OJUKU, ANTI-FMG.

B. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH NIGERIANS REFLECT PRIVATE CRITICISM ALONG LINES REPORTED ABOVE. BELIEVE NORTHERN OPINION NOW RANGES FROM MILD CRITICISM TO HOSTILITY, BUT ABOVE ALL CRITICAL, WITH LIKELIHOOD CRITICISM WILL INTENSIFY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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1. WITH REGARD SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WE BELIEVE CLARIFICATION US POSITION ALONG LINES REF 2 NOT LIKELY BE ACCEPTED BY NORTHERNERS AS SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION REFUSAL EXPORT PERMITS. IN ADDITION, EXPLANATION THIS KIND LEAVES OPEN POSSIBLE IMPLICATION US WOULD SUPPLY ARMS TO NIGERIA IF UK WERE NOT TRADITIONAL SUPPLIER, THIS DESPITE USG HAS DECLARED IT REGARDS NIGERIAN SITUATION AS INTERNAL AFFAIR.
2. CONSULATE CONSIDERS STRONGEST US CASE RESTS ON US NON-INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIAN SITUATION. THIS HAS BEEN PUBLICLY WELCOMED BY FMG.
- A. BELIEVE HOWEVER SOME CLARIFICATION US EXPORT CONTROLS ON ARMS SHIPMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL AS BACKGROUND TO IMPLEMENTATION OF US POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE. SPECIFICALLY STATEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE ARMS EXCON APPLY TO ALL FOREIGN APPLICANTS FOR PURCHASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHETHER INTENDED PURCHASER PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENTAL. OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL.
- B. STATEMENT COULD SPECIFY NO REPEAT NO US MANUFACTURED ARMS HAVE BEEN LICENSED FOR EXPORT TO ANY RECIPIENT IN NIGERIA OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE.
- C. IN OUR VIEW, CLARIFICATION WOULD BE MORE COMPLETE IF IT INCLUDED STATEMENT THAT US-MADE ARMS REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OJUKWU FORCES WERE NOT REPEAT NOT EXPORTED TO NIGERIA FROM US OR FROM ANY US-CONTROLLED SOURCE UNITED STATES.
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1. THE LAGOS ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING THAT YORUBA TROOPS WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE BATTLE ZONE WHERE FIGHTING CONTINUES BETWEEN FEDERZ TROOPS AND SOLDIERS OF LT. COLONEL OJUKWU, WAS GREETED HERE BY SOME OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION, AND SEGMENTS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS AN ADMISSION THAT FEDERAL MILITARY CASUALTIES IN THE CAMPAIGN THUS FAR, HAVE FORCED THE LAGOS GOVERNMENT TO SEND TROOPS TO THE BATTLE FRONT, WHOM THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT HAVE WILLINGLY COMMITTED TO THE BATTLE.

2. THE ENUGU PUBLIC AS WELL AS OFFICIALS, APPEARED MORE RELAXED TODAY, FOLLOWING ENUGU RADIO ASSERTIONS THAT CIVILIAN VIGILANTES IN THE VILLAGE OF IHAMUFU SHOT DOWN ONE OF TWO LIGHT PLANES WITH ANTIQUATED MUZZLE LOADING "DANE" GUNS. THEIR OPTIMISM WAS FURTHER REINFORCED BY WORD FROM TRAVELERS RETURNING FROM THE NSUKKA AREA WHO SAID THE UNIVERSITY TOWN WAS STILL IN THE HANDS OF DEFENDING FORCES. ONE TRAVELER WHO SAID HE RETURNED TO ENUGU FROM NSUKKA YESTERDAY,

ADDED THAT HE SAW NO FEDERAL TROOPS THERE, AND SAID FOLLOWING A VISIT TO THE NSUKKA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, THAT THE ONLY SIGNS OF WAR WAS A UNIVERSITY BUILDING SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY MORTAR OR ARTILLERY FIRE. MULVEHILL BARNARD.

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1. MID-WEST IBOS( CALLING THEMSELVES IKAS) RESIDENT IN LAGOS STATE HAVE PETITIONED GOWON FOR PROTECTION ACCORDING SUNDAY TIMES JULY 16. PETITION POINTS OUT MID-WEST IKAS HAVE HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH NORTH SINCE 1910 BUT SUFFERED " UNTOLD HARDSHIPS" DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES BECAUSE OF MISTAKEN

IDENTIFY WITH OBOS, WHICH IKAS ARE NOT. PETITION SAID IKAS ARE LOYAL TO FMG AND " IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH PRESENT DISTURBANCES IN LAGOS STATE NOR DO WE INTEND TO BE CONNECTED." PETITION ALSO ALLEGED THAT IKAS ARE BEING FORCED OUT OF GOVT EMPLOYMENT AND THERE ARE " THREATS AND MOLESTATIONS OF OUR SONS."

2. MID-WEST GOV EJOOR ISSUED STATEMENT JULY 14 ADVISING "MIDWESTERNERS FROM IKA, ASABA OR ABOH DIVISIONS" NOT TO CALL THEMSELVES IBOS BUT TO USE THEIR DIVISION NAMES, E.G., IKAS, ASABAS, IBOHA, TO " HELP CLEAR PRESENT MISUNDERSTANDING SRRROUNDING IDENTITY OF SOME MID-WESTERNERS THROUGHTOUT COUNTRY."

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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO.

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1. ATTEMPTING TO RECONSTRUCT LIKELY EVENTS NSUKKA AREA AT TIME (APPROX 14183 LOCAL JULY 67) FALL OF NSUKKA AND PERIOD THEREAFTER. IT APPEARS, ON BEST POSSIBLE INFO AVAIL HERE NOW, EASTERN TROOPS WITHDRAWN ON ORDER ENUGU RATHER THAN BEING FORCED OUT BY ALL-OUT FMG ASSAULT. ALTHOUGH ON SURFACE THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE ON ORDER BRIGADIER NJOKU (BELIEVED NOW DIRECTING OVERALL EASTERN ARMY FIELD ACTIONS FROM ARMY HQ, ENUGU) AND, BECAUSE POTENTIALLY

SERIOUS SIGNIFICANCE MOVE TO EASTERN MORALE, WITH CONCURRENCE OJUKWU HIMSELF: RADIO "BIAFRA" HAS CLAIMED WITHDRAWAL TROOPS NSUKKA RESULT "TRAITOROUS ORDERS ISSUED FROM NSUKKA". THIS SITUATION RAISES QUESTIONS. FIRST, IF ORDER (WHICH CAN EASILY BE DEFENDED AS TACTICALLY SOUND IF EASTERN TROOP INTEGRITY TO BE MAINTAINED FOR CONTINUOUS DEFENSE IN ORDERLY FASHION) WAS GIVEN BY NJOKU AND THEN SECOND GUESSED BY OJUKWU (WHO ONLY ONE IN POSITION CHALLENGE ORDER AFTER FACT) COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE EASTERN FORCES COULD SUFFER SERIOUSLY IN ALREADY PRECARIOUS AND TAXING SITUATION. SECOND, IF ORDER DID NOT COME FROM NJOKU AND WAS, IN FACT, "SABOTAGE" AS RADIO "BIAFRA" ALLEGES, THEN THIS IS MOST SERIOUS ADMISSION THAT FIFTH COLUMN OF SORTS OPERATING RIGHT IN ENUGU WITH ACCESS CRITICAL ARMY COMMO SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH THIS NOT ENTIRELY REMOTE POSSIBILITY, DATT OF OPINION IT A BIT EARLY IN GAME FOR SUCH A MOVEMENT, IF INDEED ONE DOES EXIST, TO SHOW ITS HAND THIS FASHION. ON OTHER HAND, IF ORDER LEGITIMATELY ISSUED BY NJOKU, WITH OR WITHOUT CONCURRENCE OJUKWU, ATTEMPTING COVER SITUATION BY CLAIMS OF "SABOTAGE" OPENS PANDORA'S BOX CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH FOR LONG RANGE COMMAND AND CONTROL AND MORALE TROOPS IN EAST COULD MOST

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2. SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY VIRTUE OF FACT THERE NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT, CONTRARY FMG CLAIM CONCURRENT WITH ANNOUNCEMENT FALL OF NSUKKA, EASTERN FORCES "RETREATING TOWARD ENUGU IN COMPLETE DISARRAY". RATHER, INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES BOTH SIDES BEHAVING IN MANNER WHICH, BASED ON ACTIONS TO DATE, CAN BE SAID TO BE PREDICTABLE. THAT IS, FMG EXPLOITATION FALL NSUKKA HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS. THIS EVIDENCED BY FACT NO HELL FOR LEATHER DANCE FOR ENUGU HAS MATERIALIZED. RATHER, IT APPEARS FMG FORCES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED EXPLOIT EASTERN ACTION ONLY TO EXTENT MOVING DOWN ROADS SOUTH NSUKKA FOR DISTANCE APPROX FIVE MILES AND HOLDING THREAT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFEND. (THIS WOULD BE IN CONSONANCE WITH CONCEPT OF FMG OPS ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED TO DATT). EASTERN FORCES, ON OTHER HAND (AND ALSO IN PREDICTABLE FASHION) HAVE NOT SAT AROUND LICKING WOUNDS. RATHER, INDICATIONS HERE NOW ARE THEY HAVE LAUNCHED COUNTERATTACKS (INFO CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT YET INDICATED EFFECT THESE ATTACKS) NORTHWARD UP ROUTE NUMBER THREE FROM VICINTY OPI WITH OBJECTIVE OBOLO IN APPARENT ATTEMPT PREVENT FMG REINFORCEMENT FROM THIS

DIRECTION AND TO HAMPER PERSONNEL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPLY FROM PROCEEDING TO BATTLE AREA ALONG WHAT MUST BE CONSIDERED FMG MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE. SOME INDICATIONS AVAILABLE TO SUGGEST SOME FMG UNITS CAUGHT IN EASTERN AMBUSHES AND HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY PERSONNEL AND VEHICULAR LOSSES THESE ACTIONS. PERHAPS ONE FMG COMPANY CHEWED UP IN SUCH AN ACTION.

4. CONCLUSION WITH RESPECT NSUKKA FRONT IS THAT ALTHOUGH FALL NSUKKA, WHAT EVER ACTUAL REASON, WHILE SIGNIFICANT TO BOTH SIDES FOR OPPOSING REASONS, NOT YET DECISIVE. WHILE FMG IN OBVIOUSLY STRONGER TACTICAL POSITION WITH NSUKKA IN ITS HANDS, FULL EXPLOITATION STILL LARGE TASK. MANNER OF EXPLOITATION, HOWEVER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. IF ORIGINAL CONCEPT STILLHOLDS, FMG CAN BE EXPECTED DIG IN AND HOLD IN ORDER TO PERMIT INITIATION OPERATIONS OTHER FRONTS AS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND WHICH DISCUSSED FURTHER BELOW.

5. ON OGOIA FRONT, FMG ACTIONS DONOT APPEAR TO BE AS CLOSELY CONTESTED AS ON NSUKKA FRONT. FMG APPEARS IN COMMAND CRITICAL FEATURES THIS FRONT ALTHOUGH EAST CAN NOT YET BE COMPLETELY WRITTEN OFF HERE EIGHTER. AGAIN, BASED ONLY FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION, INDICATIONS EXIST EASTERN FORCES POSSIBLY

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BY PASSED IN AREA, OR FORCES WHICH MOVED INTO AREA UNDETECTED BY FMG FORCES, MAY HAVE LAUNCHED ATTACK IN DIRECTION ADIKPO FROM DIRECTION OBUDU. NOTHING REALLY DEFINITE ON THIS ONE YET, BUT IF TRUE INDICATES OJOIA PROVINCE NOT ENTIRELY CLEARED AS YET. IN LONG RUN, HOWEVER, IT NOT EXPECTED EASTERN FORCES COULD MOUNT REALLY SIGNIFICANT COUNTERATTACK THIS AREA WITHOUT SERIOUSLY WEAKENING DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES ELSEWHERE. SUCH THINKING NOT BEYOND NJOKU BUT DATT RELIEVES HE SOUNDER TACTICIAN THAN TO RISK CONSEQUENCES DEFEAT SUCH AN EFFORT, WHILE SUCCESS WOULD BE MOST SIGNIFIANT. DEFEAT OF SUCH VENTUE IF SIGNIFICANT SIZE FORCES INVOLVED, COULD APPROACH CATASTORPHY DIMENISONS FOR EAST.

6. WITH RESPECT POSSIBLE ACTIONS OTHER FRONGTS, IT HAS BECOME ALMOST COMMON KNOWLEDGE LAGOS THAT FMG IN PROCESS PREPARING FOR ACTION SOME SORT RIVERS AND/OR CALABAR AREAS. SOME TALK MUST BE ACCEPTED AS BEING FULLY KNOWN OJUKWU ALSO: BUT EVEN KNOWLEDGE POSSIBLE SIGHTS NEW FMG ACTIONS MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR HIM ADEQUATELY DEFEND WIDE NUMBER AREAS INVOLVED. THIS ESPECIALLY SO IN VIEW FACT EXPAT POLICE SOURCES WITH ACCESS POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUE STRESS INCREASE IN NUMBER

INCIDENTS RESISTANCE TO EASTERN FORCES IN MINORITY AREAS EAST. GOOD NUMBER ACCEPTABLE BITS INFO NOW AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT POTENTIAL FOR RESISTANCE AND ACTIVE GUERILLA ACTIVITY THESE AREAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORMAL FMG ACTIVITIES PERHAPS EVEN GREATER THAN MIGHT HAVE ORIGINALLY BEEN EXPECTED. THERE ALSO REASON BELIEVE IBO POLICE AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES THESE AREAS MORE THAN LITTLE CONCERNED OVER POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE EXISTING IN AREA. MOST OBSERVERS HRE FULLY EXPECT INITIATION FMG ACTION THESE AREAS ON OR IN WEEK FOLLOWING WEEKEND 22/23 JULY. AGAIN, OJUKWU CAN BE EXPECTED BE WELL WARNED AND CAN NOT BE EXPECTED ACCEPT IDLY. MAJOR QUESTION, HOWEVER, REMAINS ONE OF WHAT EAST HAS AVAILABLE TO DEFEND OVER WIDE RANGE POSSIBLE HOT SPOTS. IF OJUKWU HAS ITELLIGENCE GOOD ENOUGH PINPOINT ACTUAL FMG ATTACK AREAS, HE MIGHT BE ABLE DEFEND WELL. IF INITIAL DEFENSIVE COMMITMENT INCORRECT, HOWEVER, HIS DEFENSIVE JOB WILL BE TOUGH ONE.

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NIGERIAN FORCES COMING THROUGH CAMEROON. IN ANSWER QUESTION  
FROM PAO SAID THOUGHT FEDERAL FORCES WOULD EVENTUALLY WIN BUT  
GOING TOUGH. MADE REMARKS DURING INFORMAL USIS FILM SHOWING HIS  
HOUSE OF VIETNAM WAR FILM "NIGHT OF DRAGON" AND DAKAR  
FESTIVAL FILM. PAYTON

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SUBJECT: EAST NIGERIAN REFUGEES GRANTED ASYLUM CAMEROON

1. BRITISH EMBASSY YAOUNDE INFORMED TODAY BY BRITISH CONSUL BUEA THAT "200 EAST NIGERIANS POLICE FROM ENUGU AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE ASKED FOR AND BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN CAMEROON. THEY ENTERED

CAMEROON VIA IKOM/MAMFE ROAD. REFUGEES TOLD FMG CONSUL, BUEA WHO WENT TO FRONTIER AND INTERVIEWED THEM THAT THEY FLED FROM ENUGU AS THE HAUSAS WERE COMING AND THEY FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES. CAMEROON GOVERNMENT ONLY CONDITION FOR GRANTING ASYLUM WAS THAT THE POLICE LEAVE THEIR WEAPONS IN EASTERN NIGERIA."

2. NO OTHER DETAILS KNOWN. FOLLOWING POINTS NOT CLEAR TO BRITISH CONSUL BUEA WHO REPORTED JUST WHAT HE HEARD: A) HOW MANY POLICEMEN AND HOW MANY FAMILY MEMBERS INVOLVED; B) ALL ARE SAID TO COME FROM ENUGU IN THEIR OWN TRANSPORT BUT THIS NOT CLEAR; C) EXODUS APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE OVER WEEKEND.

3. BRITISH CONSUL BUEA BELIEVES BASIC FACTS TRUE. IF SO THIS COULD BE FIRST INDICATION OF COLLAPSE "BIAFRIAN FORCES" AND PROBABLY MEANS REFUGEE FLOW TO CAMEROON AND/OR TO MID-WEST REGION WILL NOW BEGIN. (SEE ANL-1731). PAYTON

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1. In FBIS 68, New Nigerian quotes Fulbright as having said Secretary told Foreign Relations Committee "US has not intervened in Nigeria because Nigeria is considered the primary responsibility of Great Britain." In strongly critical comment, New Nigerian characterizes statement as neo-colonialist and asks "by whose leave the superpowers allocated us" into spheres of influence?
2. As appropriate, suggest you may wish point out item draws completely unwarranted inferences. Secretary's statement in closed session was in context UK position as traditional supplier of arms to Nigeria. Statement neither intended nor had any wider implication.

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State reftel sent before Kaduna reftel seen requesting public guidance. Para 2 should be used as appropriate in private conversations with responsible Nigerians. Assume it could not be used publicly without creating problems with UK in view latter's action in holding up on approval arms requests by FMG because of royalty payment dispute. Under circumstances, Dept would appreciate Emb's recommendations re how we should deal with these allegations publicly if at all.

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SITREP 1200Z JULY 16

1. GENERAL MEETING WITH OFUKWK ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 2400Z

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JULY 15, WAS POSTPONED UNTIL 1100Z TODAY AND WHICH TIME IT WAS FURTHER POSTPONED. UKDHC PARKER AND I WAITING FOR APPOINTMENT, BUT AKPAN TOLD PARKER THIS MORNING THAT SITUATION, ALTHOUGH UNCERTAIN, NOT RPT NOT ALARMING. WE GATHER FROM VARIOUS REPORTS THAT BOTH ARMIES FREQUENTLY FINDING OPPOSING TROOPS BEHIND LINES. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT GREEN BIAFRAN TROOPS, WHO APPARENTLY TENDED SURRENDER TERRITORY AT FIRST SOUND OF GUNFIRE, NOW MORE WILLING STAND AND FACE ENEMY.

2. EMBOFF KENNEDY, WHO LOANED TO US BY EMBASSY, REPORTS FROM ONITSHA THAT NIGER FERRY OPERATING BUT THAT NO RPT NO VEHICLES CROSSING BECAUSE POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE VEHICLE PASSES IS OFF DUTY UNTIL MONDAY. UNDERSTAND FROM EXPATS WHO HAVE TRIED DRIVE TO ONITSHA THAT THERE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY BECAUSE SOME PORTIONS OF ENUGU-ONITSHA ROAD DECLARED "MILITARY AREAS."

3. PRESENCE OF CIVIL DEFENSE ROADCHECKS ON ROAD HAS DOUBLED NORMAL TRAVEL TIME. WHILE OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING

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GIVEN PASSES ISSUED BY POLICE, THEY OFTEN CAUGHT IN  
TRAFFIC JAMS CAUSED BY ROADBLOCKS. THOSE WHO DID NOT LEAVE  
BEFORE NOON ARE BEING ASKED TO TRAVEL TOMORROW MORNING.

4. ENUGU CALM WITH NEW AIR OF CONFIDENCE. ARMY MARCHED 1500  
NEW TROOPS AROUND TOWN THIS MORNING TO BOLSTER ENUGU MORALE.  
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1. IN A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE LATE THIS AFTERNOON OVER ENUGU RADIO, A REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO THE "BIAFRAN ARMY'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER," THE PUBLIC WAS TOLD THAT ARMY BATTLE PLANS WEREDCOMPROMISED BY UNKNOWN "TRAITORS."

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT A "FALSE COMMAND" FROM MILITARY HEADQUARTERS BY A "BETRAYER" HAD EXPOSED THEIR TROOPS TO FIRE OF THE FEDERAL TROOPS, IN THE NSUKKA AREA, WHERE A BATTLE HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR SOME DAYS.  
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1. NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NAIROBI, L. O.  
HARRIMAN, ISSUED PRESS RELEASE JULY 12 AS FOLLOWS:

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A. STATEMENT OF U.S. DEPT STATE SPOKESMAN  
THAT NIGERIA REQUESTED MIL AID FROM U.S. TO CRUSH  
REBELLION IN EAST GIVES WRONG IMPRESSION.

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B. NIGERIA RECENTLY SOUGHT LICENSE FOR  
COMMERCIAL PURCHASE FEW ITEMS, WHICH IS NOT MIL  
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C. "WE WONDER WHAT THIS MISREPRESENTATION  
AIMED AT ACHIEVING. NIGERIA DOES NOT REQUIRE MIL  
ASSISTANCE FROM ANY QUARTER TO CRUSH ENUGU REBELLION."

D. "GON GRATIFIED THAT U.S. REGARDS SITUATION  
IN NIGERIA AS STRICTLY INTERNAL AND HOPES AMERICAN  
AND OTHER GOVTS WILL REFRAIN FROM INTERFERENCE."

E. NOTE THAT REPORTS IN U.S. AND WORLD PRESS  
THAT AMERICAN B-26'S, HELICOPTERS, AND OTHER  
EQUIPMENT WERE BACKING REBEL FORCES NOT DENIED BY STATE  
DEPT.

2. COMMENT: DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JULY 14,  
HARRIMAN APOLOGIZED FOR "NEEDLING" US RE MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE. HARRIMAN SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO  
UNDERSTAND HOW DEPT COULD ISSUE STATEMENT DISTORTING

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QUESTION OF REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSE INTO REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE MADE CONSIDERABLE POINT OF FACT THAT DURING 1965, WHILE HE WAS IN FONMIN LAGOS, AMEMBASSY THERE PRESSED GON ACCEPT US ARMS TO FACILITATE NIGERIA'S ROLE AS "PEACE KEEPER" IN UNSTABLE AFRICAN COUNTRIES (CONGO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED). HARRIMAN

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ASURED EMBOFF HE HAD NO INTENTION REVEALING THIS EPISODE PUBLICALLY AT THIS TIME BUT HOPED US WOULD RECALL IT WHEN REACTING ON NIGERIAN EVENTS IN PRESENT CONTEXT. HARRIMAN ALSO ASSERTED THAT EASTERN REGION HAD NO US AIRCRAFT, SPECIFICALLY NO B-26'S, PRIOR TO SECESSION. HE ADDED HE DOUBTED PLANES SUPPLIED AND EQUIPPED BY US BECAUSE LAGOS GOVT AWARE BOMBS BEING USED BY THEM CRUDELY CONSTRUCTED AND LAUNCHED. AS SIDELINE, HARRIMAN REMARKED THAT HE IS OPERATING PRACTICALLY ALONE HERE SINCE DEFECTION HIS FIRST SECY (NAIROBI 5531) AND THAT HE ISSUES RELEASES ON NIGERIAN EVENTS BASED ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATION AND MIMEOGRAPHED BY HIS ONLY AIDE, "FINANCIAL SECY". HARRIMAN GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ON FAVORABLE OUTCOME FOR LAGOS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AND THAT EASTERN AFRICAN SUMMIT OF LAST WEEK WOULD RESULT IN NO EMBARRASSMENT TO GON OR GOVTS PARTICIPATING HERE.

3. IN CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH EMBOFF, FONMIN PERMSECY KYALO CHARACTERIZED LAST WEEK'S EASTERN AFRICAN SUMMIT AS "OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS" IN NIGERIA AS WELL AS CONGO, WHICH PRECLUDED ANY ACTION BEYOND STATEMENTS OF CONCERN

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REFLECTED IN COMMUNIQUE (EMBASSY'S A-21 AND A-24). KYALO EMPHATIC THAT GOK "NOT EVEN CONSIDERING" RECOGNITION BIAFRA AT THIS TIME AND THAT KENYA'S POSITION ON EVENTUALITY OF RECOGNITION WAS MOST CAUTIOUS AMONG FOUR AT SUMMIT LAST WEEK. KYALO UNRESPONSIVE TO OBSERVATION THAT US INTERESTED IN ANY CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY KENYA, OR THEIR ANALYSIS OF NIGERIAN EVENTS.

COMMENT:: DOUBT PERMSECY KYALO PRIVY TO INSIDE STORY OF SUMMIT BUT HIS GENERALITIES PROBABLY REFLECT GOK'S CONTINUED CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO NIGERIAN PROBLEM.

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1. HENRY BRENTARI, AMERICAN STANDARD OIL REP, PRESENTLY  
TOURING NORTH TO INVESTIGATE SECURITY ESSO INSTALLATION,  
TOLD CONSUL JULY 14 HE HAD SPOKEN WITH BRITISH NEWS  
REPORTER JUST RETURNED FROM BENUE.

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OPR 2. BRENTARI SAID REPORTED TOLD HIM FMG FORCES HAVE  
COM SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND THAT TWO RAILROAD CARS FULL  
INT OF WOUNDED ARRIVED KADUNA JULY 11. ARRIVAL WOUNDED CONFIRMED  
BY IRISH PRIEST (KADUNA 44) AND UK MEDICAL DOCTOR AT  
HOSPITAL. DOCTOR SAID CASUALTIES MOSTLY EYE INJURIES  
AND FOOT CASES, MOST OF LATTER IN HIS OPINION BEING THOSE  
WHO DECIDED CLIMATE KADUNA MORE CONDUCIVE LONGEVITY THAN  
BENUE FRONT.

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A. REPORTER TOLD BRENTARI FMG FORCES HAVING DIFFICULTY DUE  
WELL LAID OUT AMBUSHED INCLUDING BUNKERS ALONG ALL  
ROADS IN EAST WHICH NECESSITATES PROCEEDING ON FOOT THROUGH  
HEAVY BRUSH COUNTRY WITH VERY LITTLE LATERAL  
VISABILITY. BIAFRA FORCES APPARENTLY WELL-ORGANIZED FIGHT  
HIT AND RUN GURERRILLA-TYPE WAR AND PUTTING UP HEAVIER  
RESISTANCE THAN ANTICIPATED BY FMG. IN ADDITION RESUPPLY  
HAMPERED BY MUD AND DISPERSION FMG FORCES OFF  
SUPPLY ROUTES.

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B. REPORTER SAID MAKURDI AIR RAID (KADUNA 29) INEFFECTIVE. MISSILES DROPPED FELL OUTSIDE FIELD. RAID CAUSED LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE.

C. REPORTER TOLD BRENTARI HE BELIEVES FMG PRESSURE ON NSUKKA FRONT INTENDED ENGAGE BULK OF BIAFRA FORCES WHILE FMG FORCES COMMITTED ON OGOJA SIDE SLIP AROUND TO EAST POSSIBLY THROUGH CAMEROON TO TRY TO INFILTRATE GALABAR.

3. NIGERIA POLICE OFFICER NJOVENS (PROTECT SOURCE) CAMEROON NATIONALITY, TOLD CONSOFF JULY 13 POLICE BEING SENT TO HINTERLANDS IGALA DIVISION TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE OF VILLAGERS. HE SAID VILLAGERS TERRIFIED AT MERE SIGHT OF AIRCRAFT AND AUTHORITIES FEEL NECESSITY REASSURE POPULACE WITH PRESENCE ARMED POLICE. NATIVE AUTHORITY POLICE EQUALLY AFRAID AND USELESS IN SUCH CASES.

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A. BRENTARI REPORTED KANO PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICER DIMKA TOLD HIM MOST HIS MEN SENT TO COMBAT AREAS TO PROVIDE PROTECTION IN REAR OF ARMY. HE HAS SINCE RECEIVED SOME REPLACEMENTS.

B. BRENTARI SAID 5TH BN CONTONMENT KANO ALMOST DESERTED WITH ONLY 25 OR 50 ELDERLY RESERVISTS IN EVIDENCE. ONE AREA COMMAND C.O. COLONEL HARUNA TOLD BRENTARI ONLY MEN LEFT KADUNA ARE ADMIN AND HQ PERCONNEL. HARUNS SAID THINGS GOING WELL AT FRONT. CONSOFF VISITED HQ JULY 14 SAW ONE CAPTAIN AND TWO LIEUTENANTS ALL OF WHOM SEEMED CONFIDENT THINGS PROCEEDING WELL ON BENUE FRONT. ONE OFFICER ON TELEPHONE JOKED ABOUT SCHEDULING PENDING FOOTBALL GAME IN ENUGU WEEK HENCE. COMMAND HQ ALMOST DEVOID VEHICLES WITH ONLY ONE NORTHERN GOVT VEHICLE BEING USED BY ARMY. GUARDS AND STAFF ALL APPEARED TO BE CIVILIANS OR OLD RESERVISTS.

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JOINT CONSULATE/USIS MESSAGE

1. NEW NIGERIAN JULY 15 CARRIES FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL  
TITLED: "ANSWERS PLEASE." MAIN POINTS OF EDITORIAL  
ARE:

A. USC SAID IT REGARDS NIGERIAN CRISIS AS INTERNAL  
MATTER AND FMG HAS WELCOMED THIS. "S O DO WE (THE NEW  
NIGERIAN) BUT WE FEAR THIS STATEMENT ONLY THE TIP OF  
THE ICEBERG." "ARE WE BEING SOLD A PLAUSIBLE LINE?"  
B. SENATOR J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT TOLD REPORTERS THAT  
SECSTATE RUSK REPORTEDLY TOLD CROQUI U.S. SENATORS THAT  
HS HAS NOT INTERVENED IN NIGERIA BECAUSE NIGERIA PRIME  
RESPONSIBILITY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

C. "WE ARE AMAZED." PUBLICLY UK HAS NEVER DENIED  
INDEPENDENT STATUS OF NIGERIA, BUT SINCE WHEN HAVE  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BEEN DIVIDED INTO SPHERES OF IN-  
FLUENCE AND BY WHOSE LEAVE HAVE SUPERPOWERS ALLOCATED  
US INTO THESE SPHERES? OR IS NIGERIA ALONE SUBJECTED  
TO THIS INDIGNITY? NEW NIGERIAN AND NIGERIANS WANT TO  
HEAR THE ANSWERS. WE MUCH OBLIGED TO DEAN RUSK IF HE  
COULD GIVE US SOME EXPLANATION.

D. UNLESS WE HAVE ANSWERS AND "TRUTHFUL ONES AT THAT,"  
WE CANNOT BE SURE HS HONESTLY BELIEVES IN INDEPENDENT

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STATUS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

E. THIS NEWSPAPER HAS NOT USED WORD "NEO-COLONIALISM"  
BUT THAT WORD ACCURATELY DESCRIBES ATTITUDE CHARACTERIZED

BY DEAN RUSK'S STATEMENT.

2. CONSULATE HAS RECEIVED STATE 4972 BUT NEEDS GUIDANCE  
AS TO PUBLIC EXPLANATION TO BE MADE.  
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1. GENERAL. FROM WHAT LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE THUS FAR,

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SITUATION DOES NOT SEEM NEARLY AS BAD AS IT WAS PAINTED BY  
MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THIS MORNING. CONSUL SEEING  
EITHER OJUKWU OR AKPAN LATE THIS EVENING FOR CURRENT SITREP.

2. PCV SCHROEDER. AMERICAN TRAVELLER HAS REPORTED SEEING  
SCHROEDER IN IKOM ON THE MORNING OF JULY 13, DAY AFTER HE WAS  
REPORTED TO HAVE GONE TO OGOJA. SCHROEDER WAS SEEN WITH  
CANADIAN MIKE LEVIN WHO IS KNOWN TO HAVE CROSSED INTO CAMEROON  
AFTERNOON OF JULY 13 OR MORNING OF JULY 14. IT QUITE POSSIBLE  
HE CROSSED INTO CAMEROON WITH LEVIN.

3. EVACUATION. BELIEVE NEARLY ALL AMCITS IN ENUGU AND OTHER  
AFFECTED AREAS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF CONSULATE'S ADVICE THAT  
THEY PROCEED TO PORT HARCOURT. PORT HARCOURT SECURITY COMMITTEE  
ALREADY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR ARRIVING AMCITS, IS WORKING

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CLOSELY WITH COUNTERPART BRITISH ORGANIZATION. CONSULATE HAS TELEPHONE, TELEX AND VOICE RADIO CONTACT WITH PORT HARCOURT.

4. ENUGU CALM BUT EXTREMELY QUIET FOR SATURDAY NIGHT. CALABAR

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WARDEN REPORTED ALL QUIET AT 2100Z, HAS ADVISED IT BETTER FOR  
AMCITS REMAIN IN CALABAR RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TRAVEL TO PORT  
HARCOURT. WARDEN SAID SUFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES  
AVAILABLE FOR LATER USE IF REQUIRED. BELIEVE WE CAN ESTABLISH  
ENUGU-CALABAR COMMUNICATION LINK VIA PORT HARCOURT.  
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1. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ISSUED FOLLOWING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GOWON TO ARMED FORCES AND PUBLIC IN THREE EASTERN STATES ON JULY 15. (UNNECESSARY WORD OMITTED).

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2. HEAD FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ARMED FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL YALUBU GOWON TODAY ISSUED SPECIAL APPEAL TO OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS, THE TRUE LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THREE EASTERN STATES TO DISOWN OJUKWU AND HIS REBEL COLLABORATORS IN ORDER PREVENT FURTHER KILLINGS INNOCENT CITIZENS THESE STATES. CIVILIANS IN PARTICULAR URGED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST NOT FIGHT OR PROVOKE FEDERAL TROOPS. THIS IS TIME ABANDON OJUKWU'S CONSCRIPT ARMY AND JOIN FORCES WITH ALL TRUE NIGERIANS TO SAVE COUNTRY FROM FURTHER SUFFERING. FIGHT IS NOT AGAINST IBOS AS A PEOPLE. IT IS A FIGHT AGAINST OJUKWU'S INORDINATE PERSONAL AMBITION.

3. HEAD OF FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS REASSURED IBOS THAT WITH NEW STATES STRUCTURE AND OTHER REFORMS UNDER PROGRAM OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL THEY WILL HAVE FULL EQUALITY OF TREATMENT WITH ALL OTHER NIGERIAN COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE IN NIGERIA. AS SOON AS FIGHTING CEASES MEASURES WILL BE INITIATED TO ENABLE ALL CITIZENS REGAIN THEIR JOBS AND PROPERTIES.

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1. FOLLOWING IS LATEST BULLETIN ON FIGHTING ISSUED BY FMG  
NOON JULY 15. (UNNECESSARY WORD OMITTED)

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3. FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE ALSO ADVANCED BEYOND OGOJA TOWN  
WHICH REMAINS FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL FEDERAL FORCES. FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAD TO PUT DOWN  
"ANTI-IBO RIOTING" IN OGOJA TOWN WHERE IBO-OWNED SHOPS  
AND HOUSES LOOTED. LOCAL COMMANDER APPEALED TO LOCAL  
PEOPLE NOT TO MOLEST IBOS IN LIBERATED AREAS IN  
SOUTH-EASTERN STATE PROVIDED IBOS WHO DO NOT RUN AWAY ARE  
PREPARED COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL TROOPS.

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COUNTRY: NIGERIA.  
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EAST MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO.  
CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.  
1. ON EVENING 14 JULY, MAJOR B.M. USMAN, (PROTECT SOURCE)  
SECURITY ADVISOR HX GOWON, AND MEMBER INITMATE NORTHERN GROUP  
AROUND GOWON, DISCUSSED MIL SITUATION EASTERN REGION AS HE  
KNEW IT. SOURCE HAS PROVIDED DATT ACCURATE, TIMELY INFO IN  
PAST AND SOURCE RATED BY DATT AS "B" - USUALLY RELIABLE.  
FOLLOWING INFO REPORTED OBTAINED FROM THIS SOURCE RATED "C"  
POSSIBLY TRUE. DURING ENTIRE COURSE CONVERSATION IN WHICH  
INFO REPORTED ELCITED (CONV IN PRIVACY DATT'S HOME),  
SOURCE WAS SUBJECTED TO SHARP QUESTIONING BY DATT WHICH,  
LITERALLY, APPROACHED CROSS EXAMINATION (DATT'S RAPPORT WITH

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SOURCE PERMISSIVE THIS APPROACH). DATT CONVINCED THAT WHAT  
SOURCE REPORTED, HE, AT VERY LEAST, BELIEVES.  
2. SOURCES CONFIDENCE IN COMPLETE FMG VICTORY IN CURRENT  
CAMPAIGN IN EAST UNSHAKEABLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT, IN EFFECT,  
OJUKWU HAD ABANDONED ALL OF NORTH EAST OGOJA PROVINCE FROM  
VICINITY BANSARA NORTH EAST TO BORDER TO FMG FORCES. SOURCE  
SAID EASTERN FORCES THIS AREA PULLING BACK ACROSS( WEST) OF  
ANYIM, AYA, LOWER CROSS RIVER LINE AND WERE PREPARING DEFEND  
THAT RIVER LINE THIS FRONT. SOURCE, HOWEVER, SAID FMG HAD  
BROUGHT UP APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FEET BAILEY BRIDGE  
THIS FRONT AND WERE PREPARING FOR RIVER CROSSING TO SEIZE  
WEST BANK SO AS TO ALLOW EMLACEMENT BRIDGE. SOURCE SAID  
OPERATION THIS AREA GOING IN ORDERLY FASHION AND FMG MOVING  
SLOWLY SO AS TO INSURE NO POCKETS IN ITS REAR AS IT ADVANCES.  
SOURCE SAID FMG " ABOUT TO LAUNCH" OPERATION WITH OBJECTIVE  
ABAKALIKI. PURPOSE THIS OPERATION, ALTHOUGH IN MIGHT DIVERT  
EASTERN FORCES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE USED NSUKKA, BASICALLY.

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HOPED FORCE EASTERN FORCES WITHDRAW FURTHER BACK FROM RIVER SO AS TO MAKE TASK FORCING RIVER CROSSING EASIER ON FMG FORCES. SOURCE SAID THAT SO FAR FMG HAD NOT COMMITTED MORE

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THAN THREE BATTALIONS OGOJA FRONT AND THAT THIS FRONT REFERRED TO BY FMG AS SECOND SECTOR BRIGADE GROUP COMMANDED BY MAJOR MARTIN ADAMU WHO ON 13 JULY MOVED HIS BRIGADE GROUP HQ INTO OGOJA TOWN ITSELF. (IN THIS REGARD DATT ACCEPTS FMG COMMAND STRUCTURE FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST AS FOLLOWS: FIRST AREA COMMAND REAR, DADUNA; FIRST AREA COMMAND FORWARD MAKURDI; TACTICAL HQ, OTURKPO, SHUWA. COMMANDING: FIRST SECTOR BRIGADE GROUP - MAY ALSO BE REFERRED TO AS SEVENTH BRIGADE GROUP - NSUKKA, COMMANDED BY MAJOR SULE APPOLO WITH PROBABLE

HQ AT ADORU ON IDAH A NSUKKA ROAD: SECOND SECTOR BRIGADE GROUP AS DESCRIBED ABOVE).

3. WITH RESPECT SITUATION NSUKKA, SOURCE CANDID IN ADMITTING ON THIS FRONT, ALSO, SOURCE SAID FMG HAD NOT YET COMMITTED MORE THAN THREE BATTALIONS IN ATTEMPTS TAKE TOWN. IT WAS SOURCES POSITION THAT FMG NOT WORRIED OVER EVENTUAL OUTCOME NSUKKA STRUGGLE AND THAT THERE TWO BASIC REASONS WHY NSUKKA NOT YET IN FMG HANDS. FIRST, OJUKWU HAS DECIDED FMG MAIN EFFORT BEING MADE NSUKKA AND THUS DEFENDING NSUKKA AT ALL COSTS TO EXTENT SPENDING GREAT BULK HIS SUPPLIES AND REIN-

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FORCEMENTS IN ATTEMPT HOLD NSUKKA. SOURCE SAID THAT FLOW EASTERN REINFORCEMENTS TO NSUKKA HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS AND HEAVY. FOR THIS REASON FMG HAS NOT YET CLOSED RING AND ASSAULTED TOWN. SECOND, BASIC CONCEPT OPERATIONS BY FMG COMMANDERS ON SCENE WAS THAT ALL PROGRESS ON BASIC PLANS WES TO BE SLOW BUT SURE. NO POCKETS (SAME AS ON OGOJA FRONT) TO BE LEFT BEHIND AND NO MASSIVE ASSULTS WHICH WOULD PRODUCE LARGE CASUALTIES TO BE MADE. FMG VIEW WAS THAT UNLESS SOME NEW DIMENSION THROWN INTO WAR BY EAST, FMG DID NOT HAVE TO PUSH SO FAST THAT SUICIDAL LOSSES WOULD BE TAKEN. SOURCE SAID, QUOTE YES, PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW, BUT WHEN WE DO TAKE NSUKKA WAR IS VIERTUALLY OVER FOR EAST AS HE WILL HAVE SHOT HIS BOLT ON THIS BATTLE UNQTE DATT PROBED SHARPLY ON THIS AS TO ABILITY FMG PUSH ON AFTER LONG BATTLE FOR NSUKKA. SOURCE INSISTED FMG HAD ONLY COMMITTED SIX BATTALIONS TO BATTLE (AS DESCRIBED

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ABOVE) SO FAR AND THAT SIX EQUIPPED BATTALIONS RESERVE, AS YET UNCOMMITTED, WERE AVAILABLE TO SHUWA (RUNNING OPERATION OUT OF OTURKOP) SOUTH OF MAKURDI. SOURCE ALSO COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED ANY POSSIBILITY AMMO SHORTAGE HAMPERING FMG OPERATIONS. HE SAID TRANSFERS FROM POINT TO POINT NECESSARY BUT

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THAT FMG HAD AMMO NECESSARY FOR JOB. (ON USE OF TERM "BATTALION" BY EITHER SIDE, DATT OF STRONG OPINION THERE "BATTALIONS" ACTUALLY TACTIC AL GROUPS OF COMPANY'S COMMANDED BY PERHAPS NOT MORE THAN SINGLE OFFICER BUT REFERRED TO AS BATTALIONS. IN THIS RESPECT, SOURCE CANDID IN ADMITTING FMG FORCES EXTREMELY SHORT OFFICERS. HE SAID RELATIVELY JUNIOR MAJORS LIKE APOLO AND ADAMU COMMANDING "BRIGADES" WHILE CAPTAINS AND SOME LTS COMMANDING BATTALIONS. SOURCE SAID FMG BEING SAVED, DESPITE ACUTE SHORTAGE OFFICERS, BY FACT COMAPNIES BEING COMMANDED BY SGT MAJORS WHO QUOTE DESPITE FACT MOST MAY BE UNABLE TO READ OR WRITE CAN DO GOOD JOB RUNNING AN INFANTRY COMPANY IN TACTICAL SET UP).

4. SOURCE DISCUSSED MORALE FMG FORCES. HE SAID TROOP MORALE VERY HIGH ALTHOUGH AS WAR PROGRESSED THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH EASTERN CIVILIANS AND SOME TROOPS CAUSING THEM TO DOUBT WISDOM GOWON'S POLICY OF CLEAN WAR. SOURCE SAID THAT GOOD NUMBER OF FMG CASUALTIES (WHICH HE SAID NOT UNDULY HIGH SO FAR) HAD BEEN CAUSED BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN BACK TAKEN FROM CIVILIANS FIRING FROM REAR OF TROOPS. SOURCE SAID THAT IF THIS PATTERN CONTINUED IT WOULD BE DOUBTFUL WHETHER TROOPS

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WOULD CONTINUE ATTEMPTS TO FIGHT CLEAN WAR. SOURCE CITED CASE EASTERN INFANTRY COMPANY WITH SINGLE OFFICER SURROUNDED BY SINGLE FMG COMPANY ALSO WITH SINGLE OFFICER. EASTERN COMPANY HAD SURRENDED AND WAS IN PROCESS BEING DISARMED WHEN EASTERN OFFICER SHOT AND KILLED FMG OFFICER. SOURCE SAID SUCH TRACHERY ON PART EASTERN TROOPS WOULD QUOTE REAP THEM BITTER HARVEST IN END UNOTE. IN THIS RESPECT, SOURCE SOUNDED RATHER OMINOUS NOTE ON SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME IF EASTERN FORCES DEFEATED BY FMG. HE SAID THAT WITH RESPECT EASTERN OFFICERS, THEY HAD HAD THEIR CHANCE STAY OUT OF FIGHT, BUT NOW HAVING COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO FIGHT AGAINST FMG, THEY WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER CONSEQUENCES. SOURCES SAID ALL COULD EXPECT TO BE TRIED FOR TREASON. SOURCE SAID THESE OFFICERS

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IN REBELLION AGAINST THEIR GOVT AND IF CAPTURED WOULD DEFINITELY BE CALLED TO FACE CONSEQUENCES THEIR ACTIONS. (DATT ANTICIPATES GOWON MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENT VIEW ON THIS; BUT POSITION OF SOURCE, WHICH REFLECTS HARD LINE THINKING, INDICATES GOWON WILL HAVE STRUGGLE ON HIS HANDS IN THIS RESPECT. IN SOURCES VIEW, THESE EASTERN OFFICERS ARE CORE OF REBELLION AND MUST BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES).

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S E C R E T SECTION TWO OF TWO. 0286 JULY 67. SGD HALLIGAN.  
COUNTRY: NIGERIA.  
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EAST MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO.  
CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.  
5. SOURCE DISCUSSED LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN MINORITY  
AREAS WITH EMPHASIS ON RIVERS AND CALABAR AREAS. HE SAID  
SIGNIFICANT LOCAL GUERILLA ACTION UNDER WAY AND THAT THIS  
WOULD GROW UNTIL POSITION IBO TROOPS IN AREA BECAME MOST  
DIFFICULT. SOURCE REPEATED HIS PREDICTION 06 JULY THAT QUOTE  
AN FMG BATTALION WOULD BE PUT ASHORE IN RIVER. AREA VERY SOO  
UNQTE. HE FELT EASTERN FORCES HAD BEEN DRAWN OFF FROM THESE

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AREAS (TO REINFORCE OGOJA AND NSUKKA) SO THAT MASSIVE FORCE  
NOT REALLY NEEDED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN RIVERS AREA.  
6. SOURCE DISCUSSED B26 BOMBER IN USE IN EAST. HE SAID  
NIGERIAN AIR FORCE HAD ACQUIRED QUOTE MACHINE GUN KITS UNQTE  
FOR ARMING OF PIAGIO AND DORNIER D027 TRAINERS AND THAT  
THESE WOULD GO INTO ACTION IMMEDIATE FUTURE. INTIAL EMPHASIS  
WOQDD BE ATTEMPT CATCH B26 ON GROUND AND DESTROY THERE AT.  
SOURCE OF OPINION B26 BEING FLOWN FROM PORT HARCOURT

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THAN ENUGU AND THAT SOME ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE DESTROY PLANE  
ON GROUND AT PORT HARCOURT EITHER BY AIR FORCE OR BY LOCAL  
RAID TYPE ACTION.

7. SENIOR EXPAT NIGERIA POLICE SOURCE TOLD DATT MORNING 15  
JULY THAT POLICE COMMUNICATION AND OTHER INTELLIEGNEC LED HIM  
BELIEVE QUOTE CRACKS STARTING SHOW IN EAST STRUCTURE UNQTE.  
HE SAID FMG HAD WHAT IT CONSIDERED HARD EVIDENCE THAT AIR OF  
PANIC STARTING DEVELOP IN EAST AND THAT IN MAY CASED IBO  
"HEADING FOR BUSH" FROM POPULATED AREAS. IN THIS RESPECT,

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SOURCE SAID FMG HOPED BE ABLE HOLD FABRIC EASTERN POLICE FORCES INTACT AFTER DEFEAT (IF AND WHEN) EASTERN ARMY SO AS TO PROVIDED BASIS RELIABLE FORCE FOR SECURITY, IDW AND ORDER.

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SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED EASTERN POLICE ATTEMPTING STAY OUT OF CE VERT\* THINGS IN EAST IN SAME ANTICIPATION. SOURCE EVIDENTLY BELIEVES GOOD CHANCE MAINTAINING INTEGRITY NIGERIA POLICE IN EAST EXISTS, AND THAT POLICE PLANS LAID ALONG THESE LINES. GP-3

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1. ALL INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE INCLUDING REPORT OF COURIER WHO RETURNED FROM ONITSHA 1430Z TODAY REINFORCES OUR VIEW THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER CONSIDER EVACUATION EVEN FOR SMALL GROUPS VIA ONITSHA-ASABA FERRY CROSSING. ROAD MAY BE COMPLETELY BLOCKED ANY TIME IF THIS NOT ALREADY CASE AND WE DOUBT AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ABLE EVEN IF WILLING PROVIDE USEFUL ASSISTANCE SHOULD EVACUEES RUN INTO TROUBLE. MOREOVER, SINCE BRITISH EXPATS BEING ADVISED EVACUATE ONITSHA WE WOULD HAVE NO CONTACT AT THIS CRITICAL POINT WDOH ANYONE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EXPAT WELFARE.

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2. AS MENTIONED ENUGU 128, WE STILL HAVE OVER 150 AMERICANS INCLUDING PEACE CORPS, AND BRITISH RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL NUMBER WHICH WILL MAKE COMBINED TOTAL CLOSE TO 500. BY SENDING THESE PEOPLE SOUTH THEY WILL BE TRANSITING POINTS WHERE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE AND WHERE THEY CAN BE ASSISTED BY RESIDENT EXPATS IF NECESSARY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL PORT HARCOURT. IN PORT HARCOURT THEY WILL BE MET BY WELL ORGANIZED HIGHLY COMPETENT OIL COMPANY E AND E TEAMS WHO CAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED.

3. WE BELIEVE IT MOST IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME MOVE PEOPLE DIRECTLY AWAY FROM PRESENT OR POTENTIAL FIGHTING ZONES. THEREFORE BOTH PARKER AND I FEEL WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SEND THEM TO PORT HARCOURT.

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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT ASSUMES WIDE POWERS OVER PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTION

REF: (A) LAGOS 360, (B) LAGOS 185, (C) LAGOS 253, (D) LAGOS 288,  
(E) LAGOS 475

1). FEDERAL GOVT MISGIVINGS ABOUT ENTRUSTING NIGERIAN SUPPLIES

POL TO COMMITTEE OF MARKETING COMPANIES (REF A) HAVE CRYSTALLIZED IN PETROLEUM CONTROL DECREE 1967 (REF E). DECREE DATED JULY 13 GIVES FED GOVT WIDE POWERS OVER PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. GOVT MAY REQUIRE COMPANIES SELL IT CRUDE AT CURRENT PRICES: REQUISITION STORAGE FACILITIES INCLUDING ANCILLIARY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES COMPANY PERSONNEL: DIRECT COMPANIES TO DISTRIBUTE REFINED PRODUCT IMPORTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF FED GOVT, SET RETAIL PRICES, AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RATIONING. DECREE VESTS POWERS OF CONTROL IN COMMISSIONER FOR MINES AND POWER AND PROVIDES FOR APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CONTROLLERS IN EACH STATE. COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AND PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION AS TO STOCKS, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION KNCILITIES, ETC.

2). MOBIL GENERAL MANAGER TELLS US MIN MINES AND POWER CHIEF PETROLEUM ENGINEER CONVOKED MARKETING COMPANY REPS AT NOON JULY 14, READ THEM TEXT OF DECREE AND PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL). MOBIL REP BELIEVES DECREE MAY REFLECT NEW ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN FED GOVT

AND REFINERY AT TEMA (GHAN) WHEREBY FED GOVT WILL SELL REFINERY NIGERIAN CRUDE AND BUY BACK REFINED PRODUCTS NECESSARY MEET REQUIREMENTS GOVT SERVICES. POINTS OUT THAT STATUTORY CORPORATIONS

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(ELECTRICITY CORP., RAILWAYS, ETC). GOVT MINISTRIES, POLICE AND MILITARY SERVICES CONSTITUTE BULK OF NIGERIAN MARKET FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. ~~SPEAK~~ LATES DECREE MAY BE FIRST STEP TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT STATUTORY PETROLEUM COMPANY.

3). MID-WESTERN PRODUCTION OF GULF AND SHELL-BP IS CURRENTLY ONLY SOURCE OF CRUDE OVER WHICH FED GOVT COULD EXERT CONTROL IF IT CHOSE TO DO SO. UTILIZATION OF SHELL-BP CRUDE, WHICH CONNECTED BY PIPELINE TO BONNY, WOULD REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATE FACILITIES.

4). DESPITE MOBIL MANAGER'S FEARS THAT DECREE COULD PROVIDE FOUNDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT GOVT PETROLEUM COMPANY, MORE LOGICAL TO SEE IT AS LATEST IN SERIES OF MEASURES IMPOSING NECESSARY CONTROLS ON ECONOMY IN CURRENT EMERGENCY. ARTICLE 3 PROVIDES THAT IF GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER STORAGE FACILITIES THEY SHALL BE OPERATED ON BEHALF OF FED GOVT FOR PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING TWELVE MONTHS AFTER STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY CEASES TO EXIST. TIMING OF DECREE PROBABLY RESULTS FROM GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT BP, THE COMPANY COORDINATING DISTRIBUTION OF REFINED PRODUCTS, ACTED INEFFICIENTLY BY FAILING KEEP GOVT AND DISTRIBUTORS AWARE OF TRUE STOCK

SITUATION. BP AS COORDINATOR FOR INDUSTRY BEING CRITICIZED BY INDUSTRY AND GOVT FOR ASSURING THEM STOCKS ON HAND WERE AMPLE. ALSO, BP NEGLECTED PUBLICIZE FACT REFINERY CLOSED DOWN FOR FIFTEEN DAYS IN JUNE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. COMPANIES COMMENT RATHER WEAKLY THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT HAVE IMPOSED TOTAL BLOCKADE, AND THUS DENIED ITSELF ACCESS TO PORT HARCOURT REFINERY, BEFORE CHECKING TO SEE IF SUFFICIENT STOCKS WERE ON HAND TO LAST THROUGH PERIOD OF CHANGE-OVER FROM NIGERIAN TO IMPORTED PRODUCTS.

5). FUEL OIL CLIFFHANGER ENDED AFTERNOON JULY 14 WHEN TEXACO EUROPE BERTHED WITH 12,000 TONS FUEL OIL FOR ELECTRICITY CORPORATION

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NOT CROSS NIGER TODAY; THEY WILL CROSS ON FIRST FERRY JULY 15.  
PRIVATE AMCITS SHOWING LITTLE INTEREST THUS FAR.

2. ABAKALIKI. AFTER HEARING 1800Z AND 1900Z VOA COVERAGE OF  
FMG CLAIM THAT IT NOW CONTROLS ABAKALIKI, CONSULATE TELEPHONED  
AMCIT WHO MARRIED TO "BIAFRAN" AND WHO LIVING ABAKALIKI.  
ALTHOUGH SHE HAD HEARD VOA BROADCASTS, SHE SAID THAT AS OF  
2000Z SHE HAD SEEN NO FMG TROOPS AND THAT "BIAFRAN" POLICE  
AND MILITARY STILL PRESENT. SITUATION NOT DISCUSSED IN  
DETAIL OVER TELEPHONE.

3. OGOJA. AT 2100Z "VOICE OF BIAFRA" ANNOUNCED FMG TROOPS  
NOW OCCUPYING OGOJA TOWN. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORTS ABOUT  
PCV SCHROEDER (ENUGU 105) AND ANN P. RYAN (KA MOTHER MARY  
JULIAN), ONLY AMCITS BELIEVED TO BE IN AREA.

4. NSUKKA. GOVERNMENT STAGED TOUR TO NSUKKA AREA FOR REPS OF  
INTERNATIONAL PRESS, BUT THEY UNABLE REACH NSUKKA TOWN AS ROAD  
TEMPORARILY BLOCKED AND THEY FORCED RETURN ENUGU ON SCHEDULE  
FOR OJUKWU PRESS CONFERENCE. UNDERSTAND PRESS CONFERENCE ADDED

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NOTHING TO PRESENT FUND OF KNOWLEDGE.

5. ENUGU QUIET AND TRAFFIC FLOWING MUCH BETTER WITH POLICE IN CHARGE OF THE FEW EXISTING ROADCHECKS. CALABAR AND PORT HARCOURT REPORTED BY TELEPHONE THAT ALL QUIET THERE. WARDEN AT JOINKRAMA (5.08N 6.26E) REPORTED BY RADIO THIS MORNING THAT ALL NORMAL IN THAT DELTA OUTPOST.  
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1. PHONED CHIEFSEC N.U. AKPAN AT 2100Z JULY 13 ABOUT CALLING ON HIM FOR SITREP. SOMETHING HE HAS BEEN QUITE WILLING PROVIDE HOWEVER UNREASONABLE THE HOUR OR EXHAUSTED HE MIGHT BE. FOR

FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS--DURING WHICH WE HAVE DEVELOPED CLOSE PERSONAL AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP--HE REFUSED TO SEE ME. WHEN I PRESSED, AKPAN LAUNCHED INTO BITTER DENUNCIATION OF USG FOR ORDERING LATEST EVACUATION FROM EASTERN REGION. I HAVE NEVER KNOWN HIM TO DIRECT ANGER AT ANYONE AS HE DID AT ME YESTERDAY FOR FORTY MINUTES ON THE PHONE BEFORE HE HAD SPENT HIMSELF.

2. AKPAN SAID THERE NO NEED FOR ME TO HAVE SITREP: SINCE WE HAD ORDERED OR ADVISED ALL CITIZENS TO LEAVE IT SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO US WHAT HAPPENING IN BIAFRA. WHEN I GOT THIS POINT STRAIGHTENED OUT, HE SAID FACT REMAINED THAT WE WERE MOVING PEOPLE FROM BIAFRA ONLY, AS WE HAD IN JUNE. SAID HE NOT AWARE WE MOVING ANYONE FROM LAGOS OR KADUNA WHICH WITHIN ANOTHER WEEK WOULD PROBABLY BE FAR MORE DANGEROUS FOR AMERICANS THAN ENUGU. HE THEN ASKED IF AMBASSADOR HAD MADE SPECIAL VISITS TO OTHER MILGOVS AS HE HAD TO OJUKWU IN APRIL

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NSC 1) FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE DATED JULY 14 DESCRIBING  
INR "PETROLEUM CONTROL DECREE 1967." DECREE TAKES EFFECT FROM JULY 13,  
AID WAS RELEASED TO PETROLEUM COMPANIES AND PUBLIC MID-DAY JULY 14.  
E QUOTE. THE OBJECT OF THIS DECREE WHICH COMES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY  
COM IS TO ENABLE THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT: (A) TO CONTROL THE  
DOT STORAGE, TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. (B)  
GSA TO DIRECT ANY PERSON HAVING FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF PETROLEUM  
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RSR TO ACCEPT PETROLEUM FOR STORAGE: ON FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SUCH  
RSC DIRECTION THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER TEMPORARILY THE STORAGE  
FACILITIES, ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK OF SUCH  
A PERSON: (C) TO IMPORT PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, IF NECESSARY, AND TO  
DIRECT ANY OIL COMPANY WITH STORAGE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE STORAGE  
FOR THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT: (D) TO DIRECT ANY OIL PROSPECTING  
AND MINING COMPANY TO SUPPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT CRUDE OIL IN THE  
FORM AND QUANTITIES SPECIFIED BY GOVERNMENT, FAILURE TO COMPLY  
WITH SUCH A DIRECTION MAY LEAD TO SEIZURE OF THE QUANTITY OF OIL  
AND PAYMENT THEREFORE AT THE RATE APPLICABLE TO THE QUALITY OF  
CRUDE OIL AT THE DATE OF SEIZURE: (E) TO DIRECT THE DELIVERY TO  
AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE OF PETROLEUM, IF THE NORMAL SUPPLIER IS  
UNABLE TO DELIVER IT. SUBSEQUENT DELIVERY BY ANY OTHER PERSON OF  
THE QUANTITY SO PROVIDED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY  
GOVERNMENT MAY BE REJECTED BY THE SERVICE DECLARED TO BE AN ESSENTIAL  
SERVICE, WITHOUT THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE BEING LIABLE IN DAMAGES FOR

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BREACH OF THE CONTRACT WITH ITS NORMAL SUPPLIER, (P) TO MAKE PROVISION BY MEANS OF REGULATIONS UNDER THE DECREE FOR RATIONING OF PETROL, SHOULD THIS BECOME NECESSARY.

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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT EMPHASISES THAT THIS DECREE IS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT THE FEDERATION. NORMAL SUPPLIES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE BEING MAINTAINED AND ANY STEPS TAKEN UNDER THIS DECREE ARE TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THERE IS NO QUESTION AT THIS STAGE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF PETROL RATIONING. UNQUOTE.

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1. FMG MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT LATE JULY 13: " THE STATE DEPT HAS CORRECTED AN EARLIER STATEMENT IMPLYING THAT NIGERIA HAD ASKED FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE WHAT WAS NOT APPROVED, A STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN SAID ON WEDNESDAY, WAS PERMISSION FOR THE NIGERIAN GOVT TO BUY ARMS FROM PRIVATE AMERICAN FIRMS. A REQUEST FOR AN S K \*

UT LICENCE FOR THE ARMS WAS TURNED DOWN. THE CLARIFICATION BY STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN ROBERT J.

MCCLOSKEY CONFIRMED A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON."

2. DIALO TELLI, SYG OF OAU, CALLED ON GOWON YESTERDAY. ONLY COMMENT CARRIED BY PRESS IS THAT TELLI SAID ALL AFRICAN LEADERS SHARE GOWON'S VIEW THAT NIGERIAN CRISIS IS DOMESTIC AFFAIR OF NIGERIA.

3. IN BENIN, MIDWEST GOVT ISSUED PRESS RELEASE YESTERDAY ADVISING MID-WESTERN CITIZENS FROM IKA, ASABA AND ABOH DIVISIONS TO NO LONGER DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS WESTERN IBOS. THEY SHOULD CALL THEMSELVES MID-WESTERNERS, AS IBO IS LANGUAGE AND NOT A TRIBE. SAID IBO-SPEAKING PEOPLE ON EASTERN SIDE OF NIGER ARE "IGBOS"; THEREFORE, IF THERE ARE NO EASTERN IBOS THERE CAN BE NO WESTERN IBOS. (FYI: DISTINCTION BETWEEN IGBO AND IBOMADE BY MIDWEST GOVT

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LARGELY ONE OF SEMANTICS, ALTHOUGH MOTIVE FOR IT UNDERSTAND-  
ABLE FROM POLITICAL STANDPOINT, GIVEN UNASINESS GOVT MUST  
HAVE ABOUT IBO-SPEAKING PEOPLES RESIDING IN MIDWEST.  
"IGBO" CONSIDERED BY SOME TO BE PURE OR CLASSICAL IBO

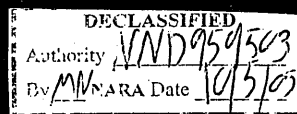
LANGUAGE AND UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT ONCE MADE INTROUDCE IT  
IN SCHOOLS, BUT "IBO" IS LANGUAGE COMMONLY USED THROUGHOUT  
REGION. IGBO IS ALSO TERM USED BY ONITSHA IBOS, WHO CALL  
THEMSELVES IGBOS IN ORDER SET THEMSELVES APART FROM OTHER  
IBOS. ONITSHA "IGBOS" NOTED FROM THEIR LONG-STANDING UNIN-  
HIBITED SUPERIORITY COMPLEX VIS-A-VIS OTHER IBOS. HOWEVER  
THEY AND REST OF INHABITANTS OF CENTRAL-EASTERN STATE  
SPEAK OBO AND ARE REGARDED AS IBOS BY OTHER NIGERIANS.  
END FYI.)

4. LAGOS QUIET, ALTHOUGH IBOS HERE CONTINUE BE UNEASY  
ABOUT THEIR SITUATION. SOME ARRESTS OF IBOS STILL  
TAKING PLACE, BUT POLICE MEASURES TAKEN EARLIER IN MONTH  
HAVE DISCOURAGED ANY RECURRENCE OF ANTI-IBO DEMONSTRATIONS.  
CAREFUL SEARCHING OF CARS AT ROADBLOCKS AND CONSEQUENT  
LONG LINES OF IRRITATED MOTORISTS ABOUT ONLY  
DIRECT EFFECT WAR HAS HAD ON MOST LAGOSIANS AND EXPATRIATES,  
FOR WHOM LIFE CONTINUES NORMALLY IN MOST RESPECTS.  
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1. SITUATION SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE OVER WHAT HAS PREVAILED OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS. THAT IS, SLOW IF ANY FMG PROGRESS ON NSUKKA FRONT WHILE SOME PROGRESS, DETAILS SKETCHY, APPEARS BEING MADE BY FMG ON OGOJA FRONT. DETAILS AS AVAILABLE FOLLOW:  
2. SOURCE LHM INFORMATION COLONEL J.R. AKAHAN, C/S NIGERIAN ARMY AND LTC I. BISALLA, CHIEF "G" BRANCH, NCGBEGIAN ARMY. ON

MORNING 14 JULY, ALTHOUGH BOTH ADMITTEDLY DISAPPOINTED AT SLOW PROGRESS OPERATIONS NSUKKA FRONT, BOTH APPARENTLY CLEARLY DELIGHTED WITH FMG PROGRESS ON NORTH EAST OGOJA PROVINCE FRONT.  
A. WITH REPECT NSUKKA FRONT, REASONS ADVANCED FOR SLOW PROGRESS WERE HEAVY RAINS, TOUGH GOING OFF MAIN ROADS IN RATHER THICK RAIN FOREST, AND UNEXPECTEDLY TOUGH RESISTANCE EASTERN TROOPS. SOURCES SAID EASTERN DEFENSES GOOD IN THAT ROADS NSUKKA AREA SEVERED BY DEEP TRENCHES COVERED BY MINES AND EXPLOSIVE CHARGES WHICH HAS REQUIRED FMG UTILIZE LOCALLY COMMANDEERED BULLDOZERS TO OPEN ROADS FOR VEHICLES OF RECCE SQUADRON. SOURCES SAID EASTERN TROOPS OPERATIONS IN RELATIVE- LY SMALL GROUPS HAVE BEEN USING AMBUSH TACTICS EFFECTIVELY. AFTER INITIAL MISTAKES, FMG FOOT SOLDIERS NOW MOVING ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OFF ROADS IN FAIRLY LARGE FORMATIONS OF APPROX TWO COMPANY STRENGTH. THIS TYPE MOVEMENT FORCED ON FMG FORCES BY ADMITTED SHORTAGE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS.  
B. ON OGOJA FRONT, SOURCES CLAIM FOR FMG ALL FROM NORTH EAST CORNER OGOJA PROVINCE DOWN TO BUT NOT INCLUDING CONTROL OF ROAD AT BANSARA WHICH IS ON ROUTE ELEVEN LEADING SOUTH EAST TO IKOM AND NAMFE. (IT GENERALLY ACCEPTED FROM OTHER CON-

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FIRMATORY INFORMATION THAT THIS LATTER CLAIM PROBABLY TRUE WHICH WOULD PUT FMG FORCES APPROX 42 MILES SOUTH WEST BORDER TOWN GAKEM AND ON ROAD FROM OGOJA TO ABAKALIKI). WORD FROM THESE SOURCES WAS THAT CHIEF MORPHY, ANTI-IBO POLITICAL FIGURE FROM OGOJA PROVINCE, HOME TOWN GAKEM, WHO HAS BEEN OPERATING IN LAGOS AREA WOULD FLY TO GOBOKO TODAY FOR TRIP TO OGOJA WHERE HIS PRESENCE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN REQUESTED BY OGOJA PEOPLE. C. BOTH SOURCES CLAIMED EASTERN FORCE CASUALTIES ON BOTH NSUKKA AND OGOJA FRONTS HIGH. BOTH ALSO CLAIMED CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES ARMS, AMMO AND EQUIPMENT; INCLUDING 7.62 MM ASSAULT RIFLES (AUTOMATIC), 7.92MM BOLT ACT GN RIFLES, AND MEDIUM MACHINA GUNS; AU WELL AS LARGE QUANTITIES OF 7.62, 7.92, AND .303 CALIBER SMALL ARMS AMMO; HAD BEEN CAPTURED FROM EASTERN FORCES ON BOTH FRONTS. ALMOST ALL EQUIPMENT CAPTURED HAS BEEN CZECH ORIGIN. D. WITH REGARD TO SHAPE THINGS TO COME, SOURCES SAID THEY HAD GIVEN UP IDEA MOVING THROUGH CAMEROUNS TO CALABAR AS CAMEROUN GOVT HAD DENIED PASSAGE AND WERE I PROCESS OF STRENGTHENING FRONTIER GUARDS. NEITHER WOULD SAY ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT POSSIBLE ACTION IN RIVERS AREA. KNOWING SOURCES, DATT TOOK

SILENCE TO INDICATE PLANS CALL FOR INITIATION ACTION THESE AREAS NEAR FUTURE (IN SUCH AN EVENT, HOWEVER, FMG DOES NOT SEEM TO POSSESS SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT TO MAKE THIS A MAIN EFFORT). IN DISCUSSING SITUATION ON NSUKKA FRONT, BISALLA SAID CONSIDERATION NOW BEING GIVEN TO ANOTHER DRIVE SOUTHWARD FROM BORDER TOWARD ABAKALIKI TO DRAW OFF SOME OF OPPOSING STRENGTH NSUKKA FRONT.

E. GENERAL IMPRESSION FROM ABOVE QUOTED SOURCES WAS THAT ALTHOUGH BOTH SEEM STILL CONFIDENT EVENTUAL SUCCESS, THEY WERE DISPLEASED AND CONCERNED OVER SLOW, OR LACK OF, PROGRESS NSUKKA FRONT. REMARK OF BISALLA ON POSSIBILITY NEW THRUST TOWARD ABAKALIKI TO DRAW EASTERN TROOPS FROM NSUKKA FRONT INTERESTING IN THAT IT INDICATES THAT DESPITE ORIGINAL FMG PLAN WHICH CALLED FOR TYING DOWN MAX NUMBER OF EASTERN TROOPS POSSIBLE AT NSUKKA, TO ALLOW FOR MOVE IN OGOJA/ CALABAR AREA AND /OR RIVERS AREA, NSUKKA HAS NOW BECOME AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE FOR EACH SIDA. EASTERN FORCES DETERMINED HOLD, AND SO FAR QUITE SUCCESSFUL, AND FMG DETERMINED TO TAKE TOWN. UNLESS FMG CAN UTILIZE NSUKKA AS PART OF OVERALL PLAN OF ACTION, TO TIE ITSELF DOWN IN SET PIECE BATTLE FOR NSUKKA

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MAY NOT BE SMARTEST MOVE THEY COULD MAKE. EVEN GAINING CONTROL NSUKKA, WHILE IT ADMITTEDLY WOULD BE STRONG PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDA TOOL, COULD WELL LEAVE FMG FORCES SO EXHAUSTED THAT THEY COULD NOT KEEP MOMENTUM GOING. ANOTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED HERE IS TO WHICH SIDE DOES THE REAL ADVANTAGE ACCRUE PL A LONG, GRUELLING BATTLE FOR NSUKKA. IF EASTERN FORCES HOLD OFF FMG UNTIL THEY RECEIVE NEW OR BETTER SUPPLIES AND OR WEAPONS, THEN ADVANTAGE WILL MOST DEFINITELY HAVE BEEN IRS. IF, ON OTHER HAND, FMG CAN TIE DOWN EASTERN FORCES AT NSUKKA AND USE THIS TO ADVANTAGE IN LAUNCHING OTHER ATTACKS, OR CAN USE SITUATION TO TIME ADVANTAGE UNTIL THEY PROCURE MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS THEMSELVES, THEN ADVANTAGE WILL HAVE BEEN THEIRS. TIME WILL BE THE JUDGE ON THIS ONE.

3. IN COURSE 13 JULY CONVERSATION WITH LTC OBASANJO AND MAJOR BAJOWA, COMMANDER AND SACOND IN VOMMAND, RESPECTIVELY, SECOMD AREA COMMAND, IBAJAN, DAO MAP OFFICER AND VISITING STRICOM OFFICER WERE TOLD BY OBASANJO THAT HE NOT PLEASED WITH RATE PROGREUS OR WITH WAY SITUATION DEVELOPING NSUKKA FRONT. SOURCE SAID HE TALKED TO BISALLA NITE 11 JULY AND BISALLA DID

NOT SEEM OVERLY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS SO FAR. OBASANJO STATED THAT WITH SLOW PROGRESS OR SUCCESSFUL EASTERN HOLDING TYPE OPERATION FMG COULD COME UP SHORT OF AMMO AT SOME FUTURAD DATE UNLESS MORE COULD BE PROCURED. (CONTINUING YORUBA OFFICER WORRY SEEMS TO BE ON SUBJECT AVAILABILITY OF AMMO). MAP OFFICER ASKED AJOWA WHY FMG HAD NOT PUBLICIZED FACT THAT BULK WEAPONS CAPTURED EASTERN FRONT WERE OF CZECH ORIGIN. BAJOWA SMILED AND SAID FMG COULD NOT REALLY AFFORD TO IMPLICATE CZECHS AT THIS TIME SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT WELL REQUIRE FMG DEAL WITH SAME COUNTRY FOR WEAPONS OF VARIOUS TYPES. (ON THIS LATTER POINT, AKAHAN TOLD U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR ON 14 JULY THAT FMG FORCES WERE TICKLED WITH CZECH WEAPONS THEY HAD CAPTURED ON EASTERN FRONT AND PREFERRED THEM TO U.K., SPANISH AND ITALIAN WEAPONS THEY HAD ORGANIC TO THEM).

4. ON AFTERNOON 14 JULY, M.T. OMO BARE (PROTECT SOURCE) DEP IG, NIGERIAN POLICE, AND MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL(SMC) TOLJ DATT SMC HAD NOT MET THIS MORNING AS WAS ITS USUAL PRACTICE BECAUSE BRIGADIER ADEBAYO, MIL GOVERNOR WESTERN STATE, IN TOWN FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOWON. SOURCE SAID THAT B-26 HAD BAEN ACTIVE ON NSUKKA FRONT AGAIN ON 13 JULY AND WAS CAUSING FMG TROUBLE WITH LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATION.

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HE SAID RECCE SQUADRON BOTHERED BY ATTACKS BUT INF TROOPS NOT  
PARTICULARLY DISTURBED. HE SAID FMG STILL ATTEMPTING GET WEAPONS  
IN EUROPE AND THOUGHT THEY MIGHT HAVE LINE ON SOME. HE NOT SURE

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DETAILS AS YET BUT SAID SMC WOULD MEET THIS AFTERNOON FOR QUOTE  
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING IN WHICH NUMBER MAJOR DECISIONS ON WAR AND  
EQUIPMENT THEREFORE WOULD BE TAKEN UNQUOTE. SOURCE SAID GOWON,

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DISPLEASED WITH HIS POOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH FRONT, HAD SENT  
TEAM OFFICERS TO FRONT YESTERDAY TO OBSERVE AND REPORT BACK TO  
HIM WITH RECOMMENDATIONS UNQUOTE. SOURCE SAID QUOTE I SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA TOMORROW (15 JULY) ON WHICH  
DIRECTION WE GOING AND WHAT WE PLAN TO DO UNQUOTE. SOURCE NOT  
UNDULY UPSET OVER LACK PROGRESS NSUKKA FRONT. HE FELT TROOPS  
MOVING, EVEN IF SLOWLY, AND THOUGHT BASIC PROBLEM STEMMED FROM  
GACT FMG STARTED TALKING OF NSUKKA TO EARLY IN GAME WITH  
RESULT ITS SLOW PROGRESS HAS BEEN OVEREMPHASIZED AND BECOME  
POINT ~~INCONCERN~~ TO THOSE NOT AWARE ACTUAL FACTS OF SITUATION.  
SOURCE SAID SMC, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ATTEMPTING LINE UP ANT-  
AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND QUOTE WEAPONS KITS FOR PLANES OF NIGERIA  
AIR FORCE UNQUOTE.  
5. EMBASSY POLITICAL STAFF OFFICER HAD REPORT FROM SOURCE HE  
CONSIDERS RELIABLE THAT ANOTHER "HIGH LEVEL BIAFRAN OFFICERD  
HAD DEFECTED TO FMG FORCES. NAME UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME. THIS  
SOURCE SAID FMG HAD RECENTLY OFFERED COMMISSION IN NIGERIAN  
ARMY TO EUROPEAN (PRESUMABLY BRITISH) IN KADUNA AREA. COMMISSION

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NOW OPERATING BEHIND LINES (FMG) COMMO EQUIPMENT FOR FMOS FORCES

EMBASSY OFFICERS SOURCE WITH EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN  
EASTERN NIGERIA HAS GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT:  
A. ATROCITY STORIES ABOUT FMG SOLDIERS TRUE. (ON THIS FMG  
MIL SOURCES HERE DENY CATEGORICALLY: IN FACT, THEY GRIPING  
ABOUT EFFECT GOWON'S ADMONITION TO TROOPS TO FIGHT "CLEAN  
WAR". THEY FEEL TROOPS HAVE LOST SOME OF EFFECTIVENESS BECAUSE  
OF THIS AND INTEND PRESS ISSUE WITH GOWON FOR REVISION OF  
DIRECTIVE. THESE FMG SOURCES *RPT* FMG FORCES HAVE SUFFERED UN-  
NECESSARY CASUALTIES BECAUSE OF THIS RESTRAIN ON THEIR ACTIVITIES  
IN THE ATTACK. ONE FMG SOURCE SAID FMG TROOPS HAD SUFFERED  
GOOD NUMBER OF CASUALTIES FROM CIVILIANS IN EAST AND THAT  
THIS NOT HALTED EXCESSES WOULD REALLY START.  
B. THE "BIAFRAN" SOLDIERS ARE NOT AS EFFECTIVE NOR AS BRAVE  
AS EXPECTED.  
6. EXPAT SOURCE IN NIGERIA POLICE WITH ACCESS TO POLICE COMMO  
SET UP TOLD DATT THIS MORNING THAT HIS READING OF COMMO TRAFFIC  
LED HIM TO BELIEVE FMG MIL ACTION PENDING IN CALABAR AND RIVERS  
AREA, HE SAID THAT HE QUOTE DETECTED RUMBLINGS ALONG THIS LINE  
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1. EMBASSY CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY LLOYD GARRISON, NEW YORK TIMES, IN EASTERN NIGERIA. FMG OFFICIALS CONVINCED HE BIASED IN FAVOR OJUKWU. AS DEPT KNOWNS HE ALREADY FORMALLY EXPELLED FROM NIGERIA, THUS HIS PRESENCE EASTERN REGION MUST BE REGARDED AS ILLEGAL BY FMG WHICH CLAIMS JURISDICTION THERE. INASMUCH AS USG RECOGNIZES FMG AND NOT BIAFRA, WE IN POOR POSITION TO DEFEND HIS PRESENCE IF HE SHOULD BE APPREHENDED, THOUGH OF COURSE WE WOULD TRY. WE CANNOT RPT CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT EVEN RESPONSIBLE FMG OFFICIALS MUCH LESS COMBAT SOLDIERS WILL DISTINGUISH

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BETWEEN PRESENCE OF CORRESPONDENTS AND MERCENARIES WHO THEY HAVE PUBLICLY WARNED ARE QUOTE WORST OF ENEMIES UNQUOTE AND WILL BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

2. WE NATURALLY UNDERSTAND NYTIMES WISH TO MAINTAIN SUCH COVERAGE OF EASTERN SIDE AS MAY BE POSSIBLE BUT SUGGEST THEY SHOULD USE SOME OTHER CORRESPONDENT THAN GARRISON FOR THIS PURPOSE. EXEMPT.

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1. KADUNA SPOTLIGHT COMMENTARY ON BCNN (FBIS 121250) JULY 12 DEALT WITH REPORTED NIGERIA REQUEST TO USG FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND FMG DENIAL THEREOF IN MANNER DISTINCTLY ADVERSE TO US POSITION THIS AREA. COMMENTATOR ADAMU AUGI ASKED WHY THIS FRAMEUP BY US OR UK OR WHOEVER THOUGHT IT FIT TO BREED FALSE IDEA FMG HAD REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED FMG DENIAL THAT REQUEST WAS MADE QUOTE CAME WITH NEWS THAT AMERICA SUPPLIED OJUKWU WITH B-26 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNQUOTE. AUGI SAID THIS STATEMENT NO SURPRISE BECAUSE TROUBLESHOOTING ROLE OF US IS TOO WELL-KNOWN. US IN VIET-NAM HAS BEEN WRECKING A NATION FOR SIX YEARS IN FACE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION AND HAS HAD NASTY HAND WITH UK IN MIDDLE EAST WAR. BACK HOME ATROCITIES METED OUT TO US NEGROES WATCHED WITH AWE BY CIVILIZED WORLD.

2. AUGI SAID STATE DEPT EXCUSE FOR NOT GRANTING NIGERIA REQUEST WAS THAT NIGERIA CRISIS PURELY DOMESTIC AFFAIR. HE THEN ASKED BY WHAT CRITERIA US AND UK

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DETERMINE CRISES IN SO MANY COUNTRIES WHERE THEY HAVE HAD HANDS IN BLOODSHED. CASE OF CONGO COME TO MIND HE SAID IN WHICH USG JUST DECIDED OFFER TWO WAR PLANES TO HELP CRUSH REBELLIONFM OSTENSIBLY, HE ADDED, US AIDING CONGO BECAUSE QUOTE AS IT PUTS IT, OUTSIDE NATIONS ARE LEADING A MUTINY AGAINST CONGOLEU CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE. AUGI SAID EVEN THOUGH NIGERIAN SITUATION DESCRIBED AS INTERNAL ONE, ONE COULD RIGHTLY SEE FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN NIGERIA CRISIS IN QUOTE SUPPLY OF B-26 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER AMERICAN EQUIPMENT AND USE OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES BY THE REBEP UNQUOTE. QUESTION BEING ASKED, HE SAID, WHO ARE THESE FOREIGN INTRUDERS IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS? WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS? AND WHO ARE OUR FOES?

3. COMMENT: DO NOT EXPECT BE ABLE TO CONTAIN HOTHEADED YOUNG BLOODS IN BCNN BUT BPAO TALKED TO HEAD OF SOUND PROGRAMS DAHIRU MADDIBO WHO RECOGNIZED OUR CONCERN OVER SPOTLIGHT BROADCAST AND OFFERED BROADCAST CORRECTION RE B-26 AIRCRAFT. USIS PROVIDING MODIBBO WITH TEXT LAGOS USIAC RELEASE STATING B-26 NOT ACQUIRED FROM US AND

GIVING HISTORY OF MOVEMENT OF PLANE FROM EUROPE TO ENUGU. WILL ATTEMPT AS SITUATION PERMITS UTILIZE POINTS SET FORTH STATE 4972 RE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LED TO DIFFERING DECISIONS NIGERIA AND CONGO BUT DO NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT NORTHERN NIGERIANS TO SEE MUCH LESS APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES IN PRESENT ATMOSPHERE.  
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2. The Status of Colonel Hassan Usman Katsina in the North

Colonel Katsina is the most disliked man in the North today. When asked to explain that statement, Mallam Shettima gave these reasons. First, Colonel Katsina was too closely associated with the Ironsi regime and he helped to protect Major General Ironsi from an earlier death. On his first visit to the North after assuming power, Major General Ironsi visited Kaduna, Kachia, and was scheduled to visit Kano, according to Mallam Shettima. Some Northern officers were already plotting to kill Major General Ironsi during his Northern visit, but Colonel Katsina dampened the enthusiasm of these officers, asserting that nothing should happen to Ironsi while in the North. Major General Ironsi was scheduled to visit Kano, but Colonel Katsina persuaded him to cancel that portion of his trip since he, Katsina, thought that Lt. Colonel Shuwa (then Commander of the 5th Battalion in Kano) had made arrangements for Ironsi's assassination in Kano.

Katsina told Northern officers that if anything should happen to Major General Ironsi, it should happen in the South. Consequently Northern troops and officers started their counter-coup in July in the South.

3. The Status of Major General Gowon

Initially, and for several months thereafter, many Northerners were not pleased with General Gowon's leadership. Now, with the outbreak of fighting against the Ojukwu regime, the North is solidly behind him.

4. The Creation of States in the North

The creation of states was a popular move in the North and will provide long run stability for the country as a whole. Some people, however, are already acting in a narrow minded fashion toward the building of states. In Bornu for example, many of the Kanuris now assert that the headquarters of the Northeast State should be located at Maiduguri. Such a decision would be politically impossible, said Mallam Shettima. For political purposes the eventual name of the Northeast State and the location of its headquarters should be neutral, and neither the state's name nor the location of its capital should reflect any particular province or personage. Present thinking, among knowledgeable Northeasterners, is that the state capital should be located on the Gongola River near the town of Biu, thus providing a central location not favoring any one of the four constituent provinces of the state. The problem inherent in this proposal, said Mallam Shettima, is whether the new state will have the money to build a new state capital.

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Mallam Shettima said he was part of "common services" and he expected to be with "common services" for years to come. The "common services" in the North will not wither away for many years, he asserted.

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1. WE HAVE TWO SEPARATE PROBLEMS RE USG PERSONNEL IN EAST. FIRST IS FMG REQUEST WHICH REALLY DEMAND THAT WE REMOVE THESE PERSONNEL SOONEST. I REPORTED THIS JUL 7 BE WE HAVE HAD NO REACTION FROM DEPT ALTHOUGH VAUGHN AS YOU MENTION HAS PRESSED PC OBJECTION TO BEING LUMPED WITH AID. FMG DOES NOT AND WILL NOT MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PCVS JAND OTHER USG PERSONNEL. UNLESS DEPT INTENDS DEFY FMG, WE MUST TAKE USG PERSONNEL OUT OF EAST. WE CAN DO THIS AS RESPONSE TO FMG DEMAND OR UNDER GUISE OF WITHDRAWAL FOR SECURITY REASON. I POSED THESE ALTERNATIVES JULY 7 BUT DEPT HAS NOT EXPRESSED PREFERENCE.
2. WE ALSO HAVE SECURITY PROBLEM AFFECTING USG PERSONNEL

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AND ALL OTHER AMCITS IN EAST. I DO NOT KNOW TW MILITARY CONFLICT WILL DEVELOP. IF FMG SUCCEEDS MOVING IN TO EAST, DANGER TO AMCITS IS OBVIOUS. IF AS DEPT SUGGESTS, CONFLICT DEVELOPS INTO STALEMATE, THIS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ENTAIL EARLY CLOSURE ALL REMAINING POINTS EGRESS FROM EAST. FMG CAN STOP SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC ACROSS NIGER AT ANY TIME AND COULD EASILY BLOCK BONNY IBMMNEL AND CHANNEL INTO CALABAR. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IF AMCITS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ENDANGERED BY MILITARY ACTION OR LOCAL HOSTILITY WE SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO MILITARY EVACNAUTION WHICH I THOUGH DEPT WISHED AVOID IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. AFTER NINE MONTHS OF TELEGRAMS URGING ME TO EVACUATE AMCITS IN CIRCUMSTANCES FREQUENTLY LESS THREATENING THAN THESE NOW PREVAILING EN EAST, YOUR PRESENT ME GAGE IS

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SURPRISE. AS YOU KNOW, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THROUGHTOUT TO ADOPT BRITISH STANDFAST, HEADSDOWN POSTURE. WE HAVE NOT DONE SO AND I STILL BELIEVE THAT SITUATION IN EAST NOW HAS SUFFICIENT POTENTIAL DANGER FOR ANCITS TO REQUIRE THAT WE CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT POLICY OF EARLY EVACUATION.

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4. YOU WILL FORGIVE ME IF I EXPRESS SOME DISMAY THAT YOUR MESSAGE WHICH CAN ONLY BE CONSTRUED AS INDICATING LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN MY JUDGMENT WAS SENT TO ADDRESSEES OTHER THAN LAGOS AND PARTICULARLY TO ENUGU. BARNARD MAY WELL HAVE SUSPENDED EVACUATION IN LIGHT OF YOUR MESSAGE AND I LEAVE IT TO YOU, IF YOU CONCUR IN MY RECOMMENDATION THAT EVACUATION PROCEED, TO INSTRUCT HIM TO RESUME OBEYING MY ORDERS.  
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ENTIRE TWICE-DAILY NA SERVICE LAGOS-IBADAN-BENIN AND RETURN  
CANCELLED.

COMMENT : REASON FOR CANCELLATION SERVICE TO BENIN REPORTED  
REFTEL REMAINS VALID. CANCELLATION IBADAN PROBABLY DUE FACT NA  
DOES NOT WANT COMMIT EQUIPMENT UNECONOMIC UTILIZATION SHORT HAUL  
LAGOSIBADAN RUN BUT MAY RESCHEDULE IBADAN STOP IN NA'S FLIGHT  
NORTH. MATHEWS  
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EMBASSY APPRECIATES SWIFT RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT.  
PROPOSED STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKES-  
MAN HIGHLY SATISFACTORY. HOPE IT WILL IMPROVE OUR  
STRAINED RELATIONS WITH FMG.  
GP-3. MATHEWS.

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SECRET 0284 JUL 67. SGD HALLIGAN. DIA FOR DIACO. CINCSRIKE  
FOR STRJ2-C.

1. REFERENCE AMCONSUL IBADAN 013 JULY 67, WHICH REPORTS 3D BN  
BEING HELD IBADAN AS RESULT FMG UNCERTAINTIES IN WEST; AND  
AMCONSUL IBADAN 017 JULY 67, WHICH REPORTS QUOTE CURRENT IBADAN  
RUMOR EJOOR WAVERING IN SUPPORT FMG AND MAY CAST LOT WITH OJUKWU  
UNQUOTE.

2. BECAUSE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS SUCH RUMORS IF THERE, IN FACT,

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SUBSTANCE TO THEM, DATT RAISED MATTER DIRECTLY THIS MORNING  
WITH MR. T.OMO BARE, DEP IG NIGERIA POLICE AND MEMBER SUPREME  
MIL COUNCIL (PROTECT SOURCE). DATT'S RAPPORT WITH SOURCE PER-  
MITS COMPLETELY FRANK QUESTIONING ON EVEN MOST SENSITIVE AREAS  
AND SOURCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CANDID AND FRANK IN HIS ASSESSMENT  
OF FMG PROBLEM AREAS OF ANY NATURE. IN PAST, WHEN FMG HAD  
SERIOUS CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN IBADAN, SOURCE HAS ADMITTED  
IT, DISCUSSED IT IN DETAIL AND NEVER ATTEMPTED MINIMIZE PROBLEM  
AREAS. IN CASE THERE LATEST IBADAN RUMORS, HOWEVER, SOURCE  
MADE CATEGORICAL STATEMENT FMG DOES NOT CONSIDER IT HAS PROBLEM  
WITH EITHER AWO OR ADEBAYO IN IBADAN NOR WITH EJOOR BENIN.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT RAPPORT BETWEEN GOWON ON ONE HAND AND AWO  
AND ADEBAYO ON OTHER NOW VERY FINE. ALL CANDID WITH EACH OTHER  
AND GOWON DID NOT CONSIDER IBADAN PROBLEM AREA ANY LONGER.  
SOURCE SAID QUOTE YORUBA POLITICIANS IN IBADAN MAY BE HAVING  
THEIR OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS CONTESTING FOR POSITION IN WEST  
BUT IT HAS NOT HAD ANY EFFECT ON FMG RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE

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YORUBAS (AWO AND ADEBAYO) IT CONSIDERS SIGNIFICANT AT THIS TIME UNQUOTE.

4. WITH RESPECT COMMITMENT OF EJOOR TO FMG, SOURCE WHO IS NON-

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IBO NATIVE MID-WEST, SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED EJOOR FULLY AND UNALTERABLY COMMITTED GOWON'S COURSE OF ACTION AND COULD NOT EVEN REMOTELY ACCEPT THOUGHT EJOOR WAVERING IN ANY RESPECT. SOURCE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE HE HAD NO QUESTION AS TO POSITION EJOOR HE NOT SO SANGUINE OVER POSTION QUOTE THOSE MID WESTERN IBO'S IN EJOOR'S ARMY UNQUOTE. SOURCE SAID HE FELT, AS DID GOWON, THAT EIGHT MID-WESTERN IBO COLONELS AND LTCOLONELS IN MID-WEST QUOTE STRICTLY FENCE SITTERS WHO WILL TRY AVOID COMMITTING THEMSELVES UNTIL THEY CERTAIN OF WINNER IN OWN MINDS UNQUOTE. SOURCE, HOWEVER, SAID GOWON AND FMG FIGURES COMPLETELY AWARE SITUATION WITH RESPECT THESE MID-WESTERN IBO OFFICERS AND THEIR POTENTIAL AND WERE PREPARED FOR QUOTE WHAT EVER DEVELOPS UNQUOTE.

5. DATT COMMENTS:

A. WITH RESPECT REPORTED MOVE THIRD BN IBADAN TO OWO, DATT ACCEPTS THOUGHT THAT BASIS OF MOVE IS TO LEAVE BN IN POSITION WATCH IBADAN AS POSSIBILITY BUT RATHER REMOTE ONE IN CONTRAST TO MOE LIKELY REASONS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF BN WITH RESPECT TO SITUATION ON COMBAT FRONT AS IT IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING. WITH RESPECT TO MID-WEST, FMG HAS TWO POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.

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FIRST RELATED TO FACT GOWON AND FMG JUST DO NOT TRUST MID-WEST IBO OFFICERS CONTROLLING EJOORS FORCES. THUS, POSITIONING THIRD BN AT OWO PLACES BN IN POSITION FROM WHENCE IT COULD QUICKLY MOVE TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPING SITUATION IN MID-WEST IF CIRCUMSTANCES SO DICTATED. SECOND PROBLEM FACED BY FMG THIS AREAS IS THAT IT MUST NOT EVER OVERLOOK POSSIBILITY THAT UNDER SEVERAL CONCEIVABLE CIRCUMSTANCES ELEMENTS OJUKWU'S EASTERN FORCES COULD MAKE MOVE WEST FROM OGOJA TOWARD BENIN AND POINTS WEST IN ATTEMPT INFLUENCE MIL SITUATION AS IT NOW DEVELOPING IN CURRENT FIGHTING. THIRD BN AT OWO OR ANY OTHER LOCATION FROM WHENCE IT COULD BE UTILIZED IN MID-WEST

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THUS MAKES TACTICAL SENSE. IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT ELEMENTS FIRST RECCE SQUADRON WHICH RECENTLY MOVED FROM IBADAN TO OKENE DIRECTLY NORTH OF BORDER MID-WESTERN STATE, ALSO IN POSITION INFLUENCE EITHER OF SITUATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE WHICH COULD DEVELOP.

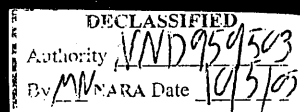
B. WITH REGARD TO SUTATION IN IBADAN, DATT AND DAO OFFICERS HAVE TALKED OVER RECENT DAYS WITH KEY YORUBA OFFICERS IN AREA. DATT TALKED TO COLONEL O. OLUTOYE UPON HIS RETURN TO LAGOS FRO REASSIGNMENT AS WELL AS TO LTC OBASANJO, NEW SECOND

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AREA COMMAND COMMANDER, AND TO HIS SECOND IN COMMAND MAJOR J. BAJOWA. DAO OFFICERS HAVE TALKED TO LATTER TWO. IN NONE THESE CONVERSATIONS WAS THERE EVEN REMOTEST INTIMATION ANY EXISTANT OR REALISTICALLY POTENTIAL TROUBLE IN IBADAN AREA. ON CONTRARY, ALL MADE POINT STRESSING FACT THAT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ALL ELEMENTS (YORUBA AND NORTHERN) NIGERIAN ARMY IN IBADAN NOW FINE. ALL SAID PROBLEMS OF PAST HAD BEEN SETTLED AND THAT THEY LOOKED FOR HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS THAT AREA FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. DATT HAS DAO MAP OFFICER AND STRICOM VISITING OFFICER IN IBADAN TODAY. WILL REPORT ON THEIR OBSERVATIONS UPON THEIR RETURN. GP-3.  
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1. IRISH PRIEST TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THERE ARE UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF WOUNDED IN KADUNA. SOME VERY SERIOUSLY INJURED, OTHERS ONLY WITH BAD FEET.

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2. LAXTON OF LONDON DAILY MIRROR IN KADUNA WITH TWO OTHER REPORTERS LOOKING FOR TRANSPORT TO MAKURDI SAYS HE HAS REPORT THERE ARE ALSO WOUNDED IN KANO. HE HAS IMPRESSION FROM REPORTS OF CASUALTIES THAT FMG FORCES HAVE TAKEN A SHELLACKING BUT GAVE ME NO DETAILS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.

3. LETTER FROM SUM MKAR DATED JULY 8 STATES SOME WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS WERE BROUGHT TO SUM DISPENSARY AT KUNAV 40 MILES SW REPEAT SW GBOKO AND TO MKAR HOSPITAL BEGINNING JULY 6. AN ARMY DOCTOR WAS AT KUNAV ALONG WITH LONE SUM DOCTOR BUT NO REPEAT NO ARMY DOCTOR AT MKAR UP TO JULY 8. ACCORDING SUM LETTER ARMY WILL NOT BE USING SUM MKAR HOSPITAL FOR PRESENT BUT WILL MAKE MORE USE OF GOVT HOSPITALS MAKURDI AND WIURKPO. WRITER SAYS IT APPEARS HEAVIER FIGHTING IS ON WESTERN END OF NORTHERN BORDER WITH EAST. HE REPORTS ABOUT 27 AMERICANS STILL AT GBOKO/ MKAR AND KUNAV (ONE).

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4. LARGE NUMBERS YOUNG MEN TURNED OUT FOR RECRUITMENT  
CALL IN KADUNA YESTERDAY. KADUNA CIVIL DEFENSE HELD FIRST  
AIR

RAID DRILL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

5. MOOD HERE AMONG NIGERIANS STILL ONE OF CONFIDENCE  
FMG FORCES CAN TAKE THE EAST BUT WITH OVERTONES OF BITTER-  
NESS WITH US AND UK. RUMOR HEARD AGAIN TODAY BUT  
UNSUBSTANTIATED THAT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST UKHICOM BEING  
PLANNED.

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1. AIRCRAFT OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION WEDNESDAY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE CONDUCTED AIR RAIDS BEHIND THE FRONT LINES OF FEDERAL TROOPS, SCATTERING TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AND DESTROYING QUANTITIES OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT

2. NO MAJOR ENCOUNTERS WERE REPORTED IN THE NSUKKA BATTLE ZONES, AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE

UNIVERSITY TOWN OF NSUKKA SAID TROOPS OF COLONEL OJUKWU APPEARED TO BE SOLIDLY DUG IN AND IN FIRM CONTROL OF THE TOWN AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS. THEY ALSO REPORTED HEARING ONLY OCCASIONAL, LIGHT ARTILLERY FIRE, WHICH THEY SAID SEEMED TO COME FROM THE FRONTIER AREA.  
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SITREP 1900Z JULY 13

1. NSUKKA FRONT. TIME-LCZE CORRESPONDENT VISITED NSUKKA TODAY,

REPORTED "BIAFRAN" FORCES HAVE RETAKEN ENUGU-EZIKE, THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INFANTRY CONTACT THIS MORNING (BUT ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE STILL BEING EXCHANGED AND THAT CIVILIANS WHO HAD EVACUATED NSUKKA TOWN ARE NOW RPT NOW RETURNING. SAID "BIAFRAN" TROOPS ARE WELL DUG IN AND FIELD COMMANDERS REPORT FMG TROOPS WITHDRAWING.

2. OGOJA FRONT. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS IN PAST 24 HOURS THAT TOWN OF OGOJA NO LONGER IN "BIAFRAN" HANDS. ONE STORY SAYS FMG FORCES OVERRAN AND SHOT UP TOWN; SECOND VERSION SAYS "BIAFRAN" FORCES STAGED TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL TO BANSARA (JUNCTION OF IKOM ROAD WITH OGOJA-ENUGU ROAD). CONSULATE REQUESTED POLICE TO LOCATE TWO AMERICAN CATHOLIC NUNS WHO HAD REFUSED TO DEPART OGOJA AND ONE PCV WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE TRAVELLED THERE; POLICE PROMISED TO CHECK VIA RADIO, IMPLYING THAT OGOJA STILL UNDER "BIAFRAN" CONTROL.

3. EVACUATION. JOHN HOLT REP AT ONITSHA REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON THAT SOME DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN EVACUATING USAID PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES. WHEREAS DOCKSIDE INSPECTIONS WERE FORMERLY CON-

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DUCTED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL, MILITARY DID NOT SHOW UP TODAY AND PLICE, WHO TOOK OVER, DID NOT HAVE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED. CONSEQUENTLY, WE UNDERSTAND FEW PERSONNEL (AND NO VEHICLES) CROSSED NIGER TODAY, BUT USAID PERSONNEL AT ONITSHA BELIEVE POLICE WILL BE BETTER ORGANIZED TOMORROW. ONLY A FEW PRIVATE AMCITS HAVE INDICATED DESIRE TO DEPART; WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 50 WILL LEAVE.

4. ENUGU CALM. HAVE REPORT THAT OJUKWU DINING WITH FIELD COMMANDERS AT STATEHOUSE TONIGHT.  
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1. RE PARA 2B REFTTEL, GSR PRESS ANNOUNCED JUNE 9 SOMALI MINISTER  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT MESSAGE TO GENERAL GOWAN VIA OAU ASSURING HIM  
THAT GSR "GSR DOES NOT INTEND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BY WORD OR  
DEED TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA."

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2. FYI NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA SUBSEQUENTLY MADE ONE DAY  
VISIT TO MOGADISCIO TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT  
ABDIRASCID FROM GOWAN. EMBASSY BELIEVES LETTER THANKED ABDIRASCID  
FOR GSR PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE BIAFRA, BUT MAY ALSO HAVE REQUESTED  
SOME TYPE OF SOMALI ASSISTANCE TO NIGERIA.

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1. CONDEMNATION OF US AND UK BY "NORTHERN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" (NCC) APPEARS IN LAGOS PRESS TODAY. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NCC REPORTEDLY MET IN LAGOS YESTERDAY. NEWSPAPERS REPORT LETTER SENT BY NCC TO GOWON CONTAINED, INTER ALIA, FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (A) ALL NORTHERNERS CONDEMN ATTITUDE OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVTS TOWARD NIGERIAN CRISIS AND THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THEY GIVING OJUKWU.
- (B) ALL TRUE NIGERIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS JOIN TOGETHER TO FIGHT BRITISH AND AMERICAN COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM IN NIGERIA.
- (C) ALL BRITISH AND AMERICAN NKS IN NIGERIA SHOULD BE NATIONALIZED IMMEDIATELY.
- (D) NO FURTHER CONTRACT SHOULD BE SIGNED WITH SHELL-BP.

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2. COMMENT: NCC HAS NO KNOWN ORGANIZATIONAL APPARATUS IN LAGOS. IN ATTEMPTING GET STARTED IN NORTH LAST YEAR IT RECEIVED NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GONN. IN BEF 1966 CID RAIDED NCC OFFICE IN KADUNA. IN MAY NCC NOTIFIED CONSULATE NOT TO DO BUSINESS WITH SOME OF ITS OFFICIALS WHO NCC SAID WERE DISMISSED FOR DISHONESTY. THAT WAS DURING REGIME OF GENERUM IRONSI, WHO NOW SUCCEEDED BY GENERAL GOWON. NEVERTHELESS, PUBLICITY GIVEN TO NCC CHARGES SHOULD HAVE SOME DAMAGING EFFECT. MOREOVER, IN

VIEW FMG FRAME OF MIND AND OTHER ANTI-US/UK PROPAGANDA BEING DISSEMINATED IN GOVT MEDIA, IT VERY POSSIBLE THAT NCC LETTER INSPIRED BY SOMEONE IN FMG.

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OF JULY, 10TH OF UNITED STATES CONSIDERATION OF SENDING WAR PLANES  
TO HELP NIGERIA GOVERNMENT CRUSH THE REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA WE  
HAVE NOTED WITH RELIEF HOWEVER UNITED STATES RENOUNCED REFUSAL  
OF NIGERIAN REQUEST FOR AID WE STRONGLY URGE ALL COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY  
THE UNITED STATES NOT INTERVENE  
IN PARTICULAR PLEASE USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO PREVAIL ON BRITAIN  
TO WITHDRAW RECENT SUPPLY OF MILITARY PLANES TO NIGERIA AND SO  
AVOID TO PEACE IN AFRICA AND THE WORLD

WITH RESPECT

USAMMADU MRANEFO, PRESIDENT BIAFRA STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MASS  
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1. MORNING POST AND DAILY TIMES JULY 13 HEADLINED STORY OF GOWON TELEVISION INTERVIEW IN WHICH GOWON SAYS HE HOPED WORLD WOULD REGARD FEDERAL ARMY ACTION TO TOPPLE OJUKWU AS POLICE ACTION AND NOT A CIVIL WAR. INTERVIEW FILMED JULY 12 BY REUTERS FOR USE ON BRITISH TELEVISION: HAS NOT BEEN SHOWN LOCALLY.

2. GOWON REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT PRESENT HOSTILITIES CLIMAXED QUOTE BITTER CONSTITUTIONAL STURGGLE UNQUOTE BETWEEN FMG AND FORMER EASTERN REGION. GOWON CONCERNED ABOUT QUOTE IMAGE OF NIGERIA UNQUOTE. ASKED IF HE THOUGHT NIGERIA'S TROUBLES WOULD BE OVER AFTER FIGHTING CAME TO END, GOWON SAID QUOTE YES, BUT NOT IMMEDIATELY. DESPITE OUR PREVIOUS SUFFERING WE WILL NOW COME OUT A STRONG NATION UNQUOTE.

3. ON MILITARY FRONT, GOWON SAID BATTLE AGAINST EAST GOING QUOTE VERY WELL INDEED UNQUOTE AND FMG FORCES WERE ADVANCING STRONGLY AND STEADILY.

4. IN VIEW FOREGOING, EMBASSY AND USIS SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AND VOAL CONTINUE AVOID USING TERM QUOTE CIVIL WAR UNQUOTE TO DESCRIBE NIGERIAN SITUATION.

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1. FMG ANNOUNCED LATE JULY 13 ITS ARMY HAD CAPTURED  
OGOJA. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO CLAIMED OVER 2,000 EASTERN  
TROOPS QTE DESTROYED UNQTE, FMG CASUALTIES 25 DEAD,  
150 WOUNDED, 20 MISSING.

2. IN SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENT ON LAGOS RADIO,  
NIGERIAN NAVY AUTHORITIES REVEALED PANAMANIAN  
REGISTERED FREIGHTER " KASTEL LUAND " INTERCEPTED  
WHEN IT TRYING RUN BLOCKADE AND HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO LAGOS.  
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1. MID-WEST STATE GOVERNOR BRIGADIER EJOOR ISSUED STATEMENT JULY 11 THAT HE UNDERSTANDS " PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO SEND TROOPS FROM EASTERN STATES TO MID-WEST AND THAT SOLDIERS MAY NOT BE IN UNIFORM. THIS REPORTED MOVE MAY WELL BE AN ASPECT OF ONE CAMPAIGN

IN TOTAL WAR DECLARED BY REBEL FORCES IN EAST AGAINST NIGERIA OF WHICH MID-WEST HAS BEEN AND IS STILL AN INTEGRAL PART." STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT " " IF EASTERN SOLDIERS DO IN FACT MET THEIR FEET ON MID-WEST SOIL" THE GOVT WILL " DEFINITELY REGARD IT AS AN OBVIOUS VIOLATION OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE STATE IN FURTHERANCE OF DECLRED AIMS OF REBEL FORCES WHICH WILL BE PROMPTLY AND RESOLUTELY RESISTED."

2. DADUNA RADION REPORTED JULY 12 THAT ALL MID-WEST BRANCHES OF AFRICAN CONTINENTAL BANK (ACB) HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND

ARE BEING SEARCHED BY MOBILE POLICE FOR XPLOSIVES FOLLOWING "INTELLIGENCE REPORTS" THAT ALL CB BRANCHES ARE TORING EXPLOSIVIS ( TEXT REPORTD FBIS N121205 JUL 12). KADUNA RADIO INFORMED LISTENCERS THAT ACB, OWNED JOINTLY BY "FORMER EASTERN NIGERIA GOVT AND BANNED IBO UNION," MAY BE CLOSED SOON IN MID-WEST, WEST AND LAGOS STATES.

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3. LAGOS RADIO CARRIED TWO REPORTS JULY 12 CONCERNING DISTURBING INCIDENTS IN MID-WEST. FIRST REPORT AT 1600 GMT (FBIS N121905) SAID EJOOR HAD WARNED PEOPLE AGAINST RUMORS

FOLLOWING REPORTS OF INCIDENTS AND ADDED THAT CONF OF "OBAS AND CHIEFS" HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO TAKE PLACE IN BENIN ON JULY 15 WHICH EJOOR IS TO ADDRESS. ECOND REPORT AT 1800 GMT (FBIS N121905) REVEALED THAT RUMORW MENTIONED INCLUDED (A) THAT MEMBERS OF ARMY AT ASABA HAD PLANNED TO ATTACK "COLLEAGUES" FROM OTHER PARTS OF MID-WEST AND (B) MID-WESTERNERS IN ASABA, OGWASHI-UKU, AND IBUSA ( ALL IN ASABA DIVISION) WERE BEING ASKED BY "NATIVES OF THOSE AREAS" TO RETURN TO THEIR PLACES OF ORIGIN. MID-WEST GOVT SAID THAT ALL RUMORS HAVE PROVED FALSE AFTER THROUGH INVESTIGATION.

4. IBADAN 17. JULY 12 REPORTED MOVE OF 3RD BN TO OO AND REPORTED RUMOR THAT MID-WEST GOVT OF EJOOR WAVERING IN LOYALTY TO FMG. IT DEPUTY IG OF POLICE, OMO-BARE, WHO IS MID-WESTERNER, TOLD DATT JULY 13 THERE NO RUTH SUCH RUMO. OMO-BARE SAID KEY UTHORITIES IN MI -WEST AND EST ARE SOLIDLY SUPPORTING FMG CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST. IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION OF THIS REVEALED IN RECENT MEETING OF UKHC HUNT WITH CHPUF AWOLOWO. HUNT GREATLY

IMPRESSED BY AWOLOWO'S EVIDENT COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT FEDERAL GOVT AND HIS DESCRIPTION OF OJUKWU'S ACTIONS AS TRAITOROUS. HUNT AND SHELL-BP ALSO DISCOVERED AWOLWO VERY MUCH IN COMMAND AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHICH IS GIVING STANLEY GRAY AND SHELL EXPERTS FROM LONDON VERY HARD TIME IN MEETINGS DURING LAST THREE DAYS.

5. ~~EMBASSY~~ OFFICER INFORMED BY L30 ORIGIN (MOSTLY IBOS) THAT INCREASING NUMBER OF MID-WESTERNERS BEING INCLUDED POLICE MILITARY ROUND-UPS AND AS RESULT EJOOR HAS BEEN RECEIVING "MANY" TELEGRAMS REQUESTING PROTECTION. PROMINENT LAGOS LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND CIVIL SERVANT WHO SON OF CHIEF ONYIA (WELL KNOWN ASABA IBO ON MID-WEST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL) BOTH BELIEVE MID-WEST IBOS WILL TAKE ACTION (NATURE UNSPECIFIED) IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT DEFEAT OF ASTERN REGION. THERORY IS THAT MID-WEST IBOS CERTAIN BY NATURE TRIBALISM IN NIGERIA TO SUFFER AS MUCH S DEFEATED " BIAFRANS" IF FMGWINS AND THEREFORE EXEPECTED TAKE ACTION.

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6. EMBASSY COMMENT : PRESSURE ON EJOOR TO ASSIST ONE SIDE  
OR OTHER PROBABLY BUILDING UP IN DIRECT RELATION TO URGENCY OF

FIGHTING. EJOOR AND MID-WEST FACE INCREASING POLITICAL TROUBLES,  
AND DANGER OF MIL INVOLVEMENT, AS THEY ARE PINCHED IN BIG  
SQUEEZE BETWEEN FMG AND EAST. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO HARD  
EVIDENCE THAT EJOOR IS WILLING JOIN EAST AND EMBASSY  
CONSIDERS SUCH DEVELOPMENT UNLIKELY.

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1. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON FOR FOREIGN

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FROM EAST. HE REPLIED USG HAD MADE SUCH REQUEST AND  
THAT FMG STUDYING IT. (FYI: JOURNALISTS WHO SUB-  
SEQUENTLY CALLED EMBASSY ABOUT THIS WERE TOLD THAT WE  
HAVE ASKED FOR PERMISSION TAKE OUT, IF NECESSARY, THOSE  
USG PERSONNEL WHOSE WORK INTERFERED BY SITUATION  
OR WHOSE SAFETY MIGHT BE IN JEOPARDY. END FYI).

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2. GOWON SAID OGOJA HAS BEEN TAKEN, NSUKKA "ALMOST IN  
BAG". ADDED HE EXPECTS REPORT WITHIN HOURS THAT NSUKKA  
IN FEDERAL HANDS.

3. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT STRAINED RELATIONSHIP WITH US AND  
UK. HE SAID, "THE CURRENT STRAINED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
NIGERIA AND THE US AND BRITAIN RESULTS FROM MISUNDER-  
STANDINGS. THERE IS NOTHING TOO SERIOUS THAT CANNOT BE  
WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED". HE WENT

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ON TO SAY THAT MINOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE THREE GOVERNMENTS OCCUR FROM TIME TO TIME IN NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN THEM. HOWEVER, CURRENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS MAGNIFIED BY TENSION OF PRESENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA.

4. FMG MILITARY EFFORT MOVING ACCORDING TO PLAN WITH EXTREMELY LOW CASUALTIES. MORALE OF TROOPS VERY HIGH.

ADVANCE BEING MADE RELATIVELY SLOWLY BECAUSE OF DIFFICULT TERRAIN AND NEED FOR TROOPS TO LEAVE ROADS TO CLEAN UP POCKETS OF RESISTANCE. EASTERN TROOPS, MANY OF WHOM FORMER NIGERIAN SOLDIERS, ARE GOOD. HE SAID, "I NEVER SHARED VIEW OF SOME THAT THIS WOULD BE A QUICK WAR." HE REPEATED EARLIER FMG CLAIM THAT 2,000 EASTERN SOLDIERS KILLED. SAID "B8-F4-", "USING YOUNG PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM SENT TO FRONT UNDER THREAT OF REPRISALS AGAINST PARENTS.

5. HE HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT ONE WHITE MERCENARY HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND SEVERAL KILLED. (HOWEVER, HE GAVE THIS INFORMATION IN OFFHAND, UNENTHUSIASTIC MANNER AND DID NOT PUSURE IT FURTHER). HE SAID FEDERAL TROOPS GENERALLY ADHERING TO CODE OF CONDUCT. HOWEVER, HE DESCRIBED ONE INCIDENT WHEN COMPANY OF EASTERN TROOPS CAPTURED. AFTER CAPTURED SOLDIERS HAD BEEN TOLD TO "GROUND THEIR ARMS," FMG OFAPEER RECOGNIZED EASTERN OFFICER FRIEND. WHEN HE APPROACHED EASTERNER, LATTER SHOT HIM AT CLOSE RANGE. GOWON SAID, "I CONFESS FATE OF THAT COMPANY NOT PLEASANT".

6. HE DESCRIBED B-26 STRAFING AND BOMBING AS VERY INAC-  
CULATE. SAID IT HAD ATTACKED IDAH. HE DEPRECIATED  
VALUE OF B-26 AS EFFECTIVE WEAPON THUS FAR.

7. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH OJUKWU EXCEPT ON TERMS WHICH HE, GOWON, HAD PRE-  
VIOUSLY OUTLINED (LAGOS 10800).

8. HE COULD NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS  
TO GO TO THE FRONT BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANYBODY TO GET  
HURT NOR DID HE WANT HIS FIELD COMMANDERS INTERFERED WITH.  
AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE HE TOLD ONE NEWSMAN THAT HE FEARED  
POSSIBILITY THAT THEY COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR MERCENARIES.  
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1. BRITISH HICOM PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING TEXT MESSAGE FROM HICOM TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICE JULY 11 ABOUT USE OF NIGERIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINES SHIPS FOR CARRYING TROOPS TO MIDWEST OR EAST. HICOM OFFICER SAID BRITISH CAPTAINS OF SHIPS INSIST THEY WILL PROCEED ONLY IF WRITTEN ORDERS DIRECT THEM GO ONLY TO MIDWEST AND NOT TO EAST.

2. "CAPTAIN QUIGLY, CAPTAIN OF THE MV HERBERT MACAULAY OF THE NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE (NSL) SOUGHT OUR ADVISE YESTERDAY. HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY MANAGING DIRECTOR ON 8 JULY THAT HE MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO CARRY FMG TROOPS TO BONNY WITH A NAVAL ESCORT.

LATER, DESTINATION WAS CHANGED TO MID-WEST PORTS OF SAPELE OR WARRI. CAPTAIN CLEGG OF THE KING JAJA (SAME LINE) WAS TOLD HIS SHIP MIGHT ALSO BE REQUIRED.

3. " CAPTAINS FEAR THAT AMENDED ORDERS TO SAIL TO MID-WEST PORTS MAY BE COVER STORY AND THAT ONCE AT SEA OC TROOPS WILL ORDER THEM TO BONNY OR CREEKS ON COAST OF RIVERS STATE IN THE EAST. CAPTAINS HAVE THEREFORE MADE IT CLEAR TO GENERAL MANAGER OF NSL THAT THEY DID NOT UNDERTAKE AT BEGINNING OF VOYAGE TO PROCEED BEYOND MID-WEST PORTS AND THAT UNLESS THEY HAVE ORDERS IN WRITING SHOWING DESTINATION AS SAPELE OR WARRI BEFORE THEY SAIL THEY AND THEIR OFFICERS WILL NOT PROCEED.

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4. "BOTH CAPTAINS (BRITISH) ARE EMPLOYED ON ORAL AGREEMENTS FROM VOYAGE TO VOYAGE AND THEIR OFFICERS OF WHICH MANY ARE BRITISH ARE ON BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT TERMS AND HAVE ORAL AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECTIVE MASTERS.

5. "AS THESE OFFICERS ARE EMPLOYEES OF AN FMG AGENCY WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT DECISION ONE FOR THEM TO MAKE

INDIVIDUALLY. CAPTAINS FEAR THAT REFUSAL TO SAIL TO MID-WEST PORTS MIGHT BE REGARDED AS BREACH OF ORAL AGREEMENT AND RESULT IN ARREST. AGAINST THIS, CARRIAGE OF INVASION FORCES CANNOT BE REGARDED AS PART OF THEIR ORAL AGREEMENT AND ANY ARRESTS WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN OTHER MASTERS AND CREWS THROUGHOUT THE NSL FLEET REFUSING TO SIGN ON AGAIN AT END OF PRESENT VOYAGES WHICH WOULD TEND INHIBIT FMG FROM ARRESTING THEM. IF HOWEVER THEY WERE FORCED TO SAIL INTO EASTERN WATERS AND WERE ATTACKED THERE WOULD BE DANGER OF THEIR BEING REGARDED AS MERCENARIES.

6. " FOLLOWING MEETING LAST NIGHT OF TOP NSL STAFF, IN WHICH NIGERIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL THOUGHT TO HAVE TAKEN PART, CAPTAINS ARE EXPECTING TO BE GIVEN ORDERS SHORTLY. THEY INTEND TO MAKE THEIR POSITION CLEAR AND TO TAKE DECISION WITH THEIR OFFICERS IN LIGHT OF ORDERS RECEIVED."

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OJUKWU HAS AN AMERICAN-MADE B-26." NO LOCAL REACTION  
TO THE DISTORTED BROADCAST HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION  
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1. IN WAKE MINSTATE GEORGE THOMAS' VISIT LAGOS, BRITISH PRESS GIVING FAIR AMOUNT OF ATTENTION TO NIGERIAN DILEMMA. ALTHOUGH BRITS HAVE NOT MADE PUBLIC GOWON'S ARMS REQUEST, PAPERS RUNNING VARIED AND OFTEN MUDDLED ACCOUNTS OF AN FMG APPEAL FOR ARMS NOW PENDING CABINET DECISION. SOME OF THESE STORIES ORIGINATE LAGOS, AND STATE ARMS APPEAL MADE DURING THOMAS VISIT, OTHERS LINK IT AT LEAST BY IMPLICATION WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR LIFTING OIL EMBARGO.

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2. MOBERLY (CO) CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT THOMAS-NORRIS TALKS WITH GOWON WERE LARGELY A BUST. OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING HAD RADICALLY CHANGED SCENERY AND TALKS DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY, AND UNSUCCESSFULLY, WITH OIL PROBLEM. OFFER OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS NEVER MADE, NOR WAS ANY NEW REQUEST FOR ARMS BROACHED. HWG PLANS LET FINAL ANSWER TO GOWON'S REQUEST RIDE INDEFINITELY. MOBERLY THOUGHT PROGRESS ON OIL UNLIKELY UNTIL MILITARY PICTURE CLEARER, AND THIS COULD BE LONG TIME VIEW EXPECTED STALEMATE.

3. MOBERLY SAID THAT GOWON HAD NOT MANIFESTED THE DEJECTION AND BITTERNESS REFLECTED LAGOS 340, PARTS OF WHICH EMBOFF READ TO HIM, DURING BRITISH TALKS. THOMAS REPORTED HE WAS TOUGH, UNYIELDING, BUT IN GOOD SPIRITS AND NOT INCLINED OVER-INDULGE IN RECRIMINATION. THIS WAS, OF COURSE, A PRE-C-130 READING OF HIS ATTITUDE. BRUCE

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(1) MADE SPECIAL POINT OF EXPRESSING GOM SATISFACTION OVER USG  
DECISION NOT TO SUPPLY ARMS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA.  
WHILE DIVISION OF COUNTRY WAS DEPLORABLE, GOM VIEWED PROBLEM  
AS PURELY INTERNAL ONE THAT PEOPLE OF NIGERIA WOULD HAVE TO WORK  
OUT FOR THEMSELVES AND, DESPITE BLOODSHED THAT MIGHT OCCUR,  
FELT SOLUTION WOULD BE EASIER TO ARRIVE AT IF FOREIGN POWERS NOT  
INVOLVED:

(2) EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE--AND MILDLY CONCEALED  
DISBELIEF--OVER RELATIVE QUANTITIES OF ARMS SUPPLIED BY SOVIETS,  
WESTERN EUROPE AND U.S. TO MIDDLE EAST WHICH AMBASSADOR TOUCHED  
ON IN GENERAL TERMS ON BASIS STATE 212725. IF MORE SPECIFIC  
INFORMATION COULD BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC USE AS SUGGESTED  
REFTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT COULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE.

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(3) BY WAY OF COMMENT ON JULY 10 STATEMENT IVORY COAST NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT PHILIPPE YACE RE POSSIBILITY SEKOU TOURE-  
MOMPHEUET-BOIGNY MEETING IN BAMAKO OR MONROVIA (ABIDJAN 64)  
INDICATED THAT INFORMAL APPROACHES HAD BEEN MADE TO GOM.  
LATTER WOULD NATURALLY WELCOME ANY DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD HELP  
TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IVORY COAST AND GUINEA,  
BUT TRAORE DOUBTED GOM WOULD MAKE ANY STATEMENT ON YACE SUGG-  
ESTION AS IT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE TAKING SIDES AND PREJUDICE  
POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS.

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1. LAST SENTENCE PARA 7 REFTTEL STATES USG CANNOT MAKE STATEMENT EQUATING SAME MEASURE OF SUPPORT FOR NIGERIA AS FOR CONGO WHILE THIS CONNOTES MILITARY AID TO FMG AGAINST EAST. ESSENTIAL POINT IN RECOMMENDATION LAST PARA LAGOS 289 WHICH PERHAPS UNCLEAR WAS THAT DEPT MAKE STATEMENT SUPPORTING UNITY OF NIGERIA AND AUTHORITY OF FMG THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. SUCH STATEMENT NEED NOT REFER TO CONGO, BUT IT COULD USE LANGUAGE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT EXPRESSED BY US REP IN SECURITY COUNCIL IN REGARD TO CONGO. FOR EXAMPLE, USUN 154 REPORTED US STATEMENT IN SC JULY 10 THAT US FULLY SUPPORTS EFFORTS OF CONGO GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE ITS LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND TO RESTORE ORDER WHEREVER ORDER IS DISRUPTED.

2. LAGOS 289 AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES NOT INTENDED RECOMMEND THAT USG PROVIDE MILITARY SUPPORT FOR FMG.

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OIL MARKETING COMPANIES RE CURRENT POL SUPPLY SITUATION AND KEELEY, GEN MANAGER MOBIL HAS BEEN KEEPING US FULLY INFORMED DAILY DEVELOPMENTS. AT JULY 10 AFTERNOON MEETING FMG MIN MINES AND POWER WITH INDUSTRY SUPPLY COORDINATING COMMITTEE LED BY BP, MINISTRY SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED STRONG RESENTMENT OVER ALLEGEDLY UNHELPFUL AND INEFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OIL COMPANIES IN ALLOWING ACUTE SHORTAGE FUEL OIL OCCUR, THUS REQUIRING ELECTRICITY CORPORATION TO CURTAIL INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY ITS CUSTOMERS. THEY REPORTEDLY HIGHLY CRITICAL OF BRITISH GOVT AND SHELL-BP AS RESULT UK COMMONWEALTH MINISTER THOMAS TALKS WITH FMG. FMG REPORTEDLY ASKED THOMAS IF BRITISH OIL COMPANIES COULD SUPPLY IMPORTED PRODUCT FOR NIGERIA IN VIEW BRITAIN'S POL CURRENT SHORTAGE CAUSED BY MID-EAST DIFFICULTIES. FMG EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THOMAS' REPORTED REPLY THAT UNLESS NIGERIAN BLOCKADE LIFTED AND OIL EXPORTS AGAIN PERMITTED FROM BONNY, BRITISH COMPANIES (I.E., SHELL-BP) MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY SUPPLYING NIGERIAN POL REQUIREMENTS. WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY SAID, IT APPARENT THAT FMG NOW ACUTELY AWARE THAT ITS POL SUPPLY CONTROLLED BY FOREIGN COMPANIES IN WHOM FMG HAS LOST CONFIDENCE OVER SHELL-BP ROYALTY PAYMENT ISSUE. THEY BAFFLED BY ACUTE FUEL OIL SHORTAGE SITUATION, HAVING BEEN TOLD BY BP

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IN RECENT WEEKS THAT ADEQUATE LEVELS ALL TYPES POL WERE BEING MAINTAINED. FUEL OIL SHORTAGE APPARENTLY CONVINCED THEM BP WAS NOT PLAYING GAME STRAIGHT.

2. AS RESULT THESE CONSIDERATIONS, MIN MINES OFFICIAL TOLD COORDINATING GROUP JULY 10 THAT FMG CONSIDERING ISSUANCE DECREE ON JULY 12 WHICH WOULD ENABLE FMG TO RATION POL PRODUCTS IF NECESSARY AND TO QUOTE TAKE OVER UNQUOTE POL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS IF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS WARRANTED. IN SUBSEQUENT DAILY MEETINGS, NO FURTHER MENTION POSSIBLE DECREE MADE. KEELEY BELIEVES THAT IDEA OF DECREE FLOATED AS THREAT TO OIL COMPANIES TO ENSURE FULL COOPERATION. HE BELIEVES MUCH WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER TEXACO EUROPE (REFTEL) ARRIVES TODAY, JULY 12, ON SCHEDULE WITH ITS 12,000 TONS FUEL OIL, THUS ELIMINATING ACUTE FUEL OIL SHORTAGE. TEXACO REP. INFORMS US TANKER ON SCHEDULE.

3. ON INDUSTRY SIDE, POL COMPANIES COMPLAIN THAT THEY GIVEN NO ADVANCE NOTICE POL DELIVERIES FROM PORT HARCOURT REFINERY WOULD BE STOPPED, AND THAT BP REPLENISHMENT TANKER, BRITISH BEACH, CAUGHT IN BONNY RIVER PRIOR SCHEDULED SAILING. INDUSTRY HAD ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED THREE WEEKS ADVANCE LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR IMPORT DELIVERIES, AND POINT OUT THAT IN SIX DAYS SINCE REFINERY SUPPLY CUT OFF THEY HAVE ARRANGED FOR SEVEN TANKERS FOR DELIVERY IMPORTED POL. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE PROBLEM CENTERED ON FUEL OIL.

4. WITHOUT APPARENT CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY, FMG HAS ALSO SENT OFFICIALS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES SEEK INDEPENDENT SOURCES PETROLEUM AS PROTECTION AGAINST COMPLETE DEPENDENCE UPON FOREIGN COMPANIES FOR TOTAL POL SUPPLY (REF. ACCRA 82). WE ONLY AWARE OF APPROACH MADE TO GHANA FOR EMERGENCY FUEL OIL SHIPMENT.

5. AS SITUATION CLARIFIES AND IF DECREE ACTUALLY ISSUED, WE WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY.

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WESTERN MIL SIREP AS OF 1600Z JULY 12

1. EIGHT LARGE ARMY LORRIES SEEN ENTERING IBADAN LAST NIGHT (JULY 11). TODAY MUCH ACTIVITY AT RAILROAD STATION WITH MANY SOLDIERS IN FATIGUES MILLING ABOUT.

2. ACCORDING TO SMALL OF BDHC BRITISH EXPAT LAWYER, SAID CAPT EUGAJE 21/C 3RD TOLD HER HE HEADING CONTINGENT 120 MEN OF 3RD BN LEAVING IBADAN TODAY BY TRUCK "FOR NSUKKA." EXPECTED SPEND NIGHT IN OKENE.

3. SMALL HAS HEARD THAT BULK OF BN, INCLUDING YORUBAS, HAS ORDERS MOVE TO OVO LOCATED IN WEST ABOUT 150 MILES EAST OF IBADAN NEAR BORDER WITH MID-WEST, LT. COL. SOTONI (YORUBA), BN CO, REPORTEDLY GOING WITH THIS GROUP.

4. COMMENT: THIS REPORT MIGHT APPEAR TO CAST SOME DOUBT ON EARLIER REPORT (IBADAN 13) THAT MOST OF 3RD BN BEING HELD IBADAN AS RESULT FWG UNCERTAINTIES RE SECURITY SITUATION IN WEST. CNTN RESERVISTS NOW REMAINING IBADAN. FACT THAT BULK OF 3RD SCHEDULED MOVE ONLY TO OVO AT THIS TIME SUGGESTS UNCERTAINTIES NOT ENTIRELY REMOVED. FWG MAY FEEL COMPELLED TAKE CALCULATED RISK IN MOVING 3RD BN IN ORDER THROW AS MANY HOOPS AS POSSIBLE TO EASTERN FRONT (SEE ENUGU 085). ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION OF MOCY TO BRE IS CURRENT IBADAN RUMOR THAT EJOOR WAVERING IN SUPPORT OF FWG AND MAY CAST LOT IN WITH OJUKWU.

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1. In view fundamental difference between Congo and Nigeria situations, wherein one is mutiny and other is civil war, Dept cannot issue Nigerian statement with phraseology like that for Congo as proposed Lagos.384. After careful consideration at highest levels statement has been proposed Dept/which could be made by Dept spokesman during daily press conference. This would be used only if Embassy believed it would be helpful in relations with FMG. Text follows.

2. QUOTE. I wish to make it clear that USG recognizes FMG as Government of Nigeria and that it has full and friendly relations with it. US has consistently supported political integrity of that country. We have also taken position that

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current problems of Nigeria are an internal matter which should be resolved by Nigerians themselves. We have joined many other governments in urging that they seek a peaceful resolution of their differences.

In accordance with this policy, we felt obliged to inform FMG that we could not approve sale to that country of military items from American sources to be used by Nigerians against Nigerians. We sincerely hope that fighting now taking place will come to an early end and will not distract Nigerian leaders from benefits which political cohesion of country can bring to all Nigerians.

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1. RESPONSE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION YESTERDAY, BOWDEN SAID  
NO IMMEDIATE DANGER UK NATIONALS IN EAST. THOSE IN AREAS  
NEAR FIGHTING HAD BEEN ADVISED MOVE TO ENUGU. NO QUESTION  
AT THIS STAGE ADVISING NY GENERAL EVACUATION.

2. MOBERLY (CO) TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT CO HAS UNDER  
CONSIDERATION IDEA OF MOVING ALL OF OFFICIAL STAFF, EXCEPT

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FOR PARKER, TO PPORT HARCOURT SHOULD IT APPEAR ENUGU  
ENDANGERED. HE ASKED FOR OUR REACTIONS THIS IDEA.  
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1. SOURCE FOLLOWING INFO LTC I.D. BISALLA, CHIEF "G" BRANCH,  
FMG ARMY HQ: AS PASSED TO U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR THIS DATE:  
A. BISALLA RETURNED NITE 11 JULY FROM STAFF VISIT MAXURDI  
AND FRONT. HE IN BEST OF SPIRITS AND SAID HE AND GOWON DELIGHTED  
WAY THINGS GOING IN CAMPAIGN ESPECIALLY IN NW RPT NW SECTOR  
AROUND NSUKKA (MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL (SMC) TOLD DATT  
THIS MORNING GOWON VERY PLEASED WITH WAY THINGS GOING AND  
THAT HE APPEARED QUITE CONFIDENT FMG HAD WHAT IT TOOK WAGE  
SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN EAST). IN SPIKE ORIGINAL CONCEPT HOLDING  
AT NSUKKA AND MAKING MAIN EFFORT CALABAR, BISALLA ALLEGEDLY  
SAID MAIN EFFORT NOW AIMED ENUGU THROUGH NSUKKA WHICH BISALLA  
THOUGHT WAS NOW IN FMG HANDS. (ON THIS POINT, NO CERTAINTY  
YET AS TO WHO REALLY HOLDS NSUKKA THIS MOMENT. SMC MEMBER SAID  
THIS MORNING THAT HE "THOUGHT" FMG HAD TAKEN TOWN BUT NOT  
SURE. ENUGU RADIO AT 1300 LOCAL TIME SAID SUBSTANTIALLY

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AS FOLLOWS: "AFTER INITIAL SETBACK IN NSUKKA AREA MORALE  
BIAFRAN TROOPS NOW HIGH". NOTE THIS STATEMENT CAREFULLY AVOIDS  
MATTER WHO IN CONTROL NSUKKA. DATT OF OPINION MOST PROBABLE  
SITUATION IS THAT TOWN STILL BEING CONTESTED FOR ALTHOUGH  
FMG TROOPS VERY POSSIBLY HAVE PUSHED EASTERN TROOPS FROM TOWN  
AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. WITH RESPECT BISALLA'S CLAIM MAJOR  
EFFORT NOW TO BE MADE ENUGU RATHER THAN SOUTH, DATT PREFERS  
WATCH AND SEE ON THIS ONE AS THIS IS SAME LINE BISALLA  
HAD TAKEN WITH U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR EARLY LAST WEEK, BEFORE

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LAUNCHING FMG ATTACK, WHEN BISALLA TOLD HIM FMG ATTACK NO WHERE IN SIGHT TIMEWISE).

B. BISALLA SAID NORTH HAD "MANY BATTALIONS" (FIGURE THROWN ABOUT AT FEDERAL OPS CENTER THIS MORNING WAS 22 BNS FOR FMG AND 13 1/2 FOR EASTERN FORCES. REALIZE BOTH THESE FIGURES HIGH, BUT WAY NUMBERS BEING TOSSED AROUND BOTH SIDES, IT NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT UNITS - BATTALIONS OR OTHERWISE - BEARING NUMBERS IDENTIFYING THAT NUMBER OF BNS ARE IN EXISTENCE. NO HARD FIGURES OR NUMBERS FOR FMG UNITS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE REPORTED TO DATE BUT FOURTEEN NUMBERS HAVE BEEN USED FOR IDENTIFICATION BATTALIONS (?) IN EAST, THESE ARE: ONE, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, ELEVEN, TWELVE, FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN,

PAGE 3 RUTALS 378/ICC S E C R E T  
SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, TWENTH TWO, TWENTY FOUR, TWENTY SEVEN, AND TWENTY EIGHT) AND THAT CURRENT COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE IN NORTH AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) KATSINA REMAINS AS CHAIRMAN NORTHERN COUNCIL STATES. NO DIRECT COMMAND AND CONTROL ROLE IN OPERATION.
  - (2) LTC I.B.M. HARUNA DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS, OPERATING OUT OF KADUNA AND RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY KADUNA.
  - (3) COLONEL MOHAMED SHUWA STILL COMMANDER FIRST AREA (NORTHERN) COMMAND. HAS HQ MAKURDI WITH FORWARD TACTICAL HQ OTURKPO.
  - (4) NORTH WEST SECTOR (NSUKKA) UNDER COMMAND MAJOR SULE APPOLO WHO HAD COMMANDED FOURTH BN, WHILE NORTH EAST SECTOR UNDER COMMAND MAJOR MARTIN ADAXU WHO HAD COMMANDED SECOND BATTALION.
- C. BISALLA SAID MORALE HIGH ALL BNS HE VISITED AT FRONT NSUKKA AREA AND THAT CASUALTIES HAD BEEN LIGHT (SMC MEMBER THIS MORNING HAD SAKI LINE RE FMG CASUALTIES BEING RELATIVELY LIGHT). BISALLA SAID THAT AFTER INITIAL SET BACK, PARTICULARLY WHEN B-26 FIRST USED, FMG FORCES NOW "GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH". TROOPS NOW REALIZE B-26 HAS NO "JU-JU" EFFECT AND THAT IT REALLY INEFFECTUAL WHEN PROPER EVASIVE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST IT.

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D. BISALLA ALLEGED MANY IBO SOLDIERS HAD FLED IN FACT NORTHERN ADVANCE LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND HAD ABANDONED LARGE QUANTITY ARMS IN POSITIONS CAPTURED. BISALLA CLAIMED EFFECTIVENESS "SEVERAL EASTERN BATTALIONS" DESTROYED AND THAT "NUMBER" EASTERN OFFICERS WHO HAD SERVED IN BOTH FEDERAL FIFTH AND SECOND BNS IN PRE-COUP DAYS RECOGNIZED AMONG EASTERN DEAD NORTH OF NSUKKA. (DATT QUERIED DEFENSE ADVISOR ON HIS VIEW

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VALIDITY BISALLA'S CLAIMS. DEFENSE ADVISOR SAID HE, TOO, HAD QUESTIONED SHARPLY ON THIS BUT BISALLA SO GENUINELY EXUBERANT THAT HE WOULDNOT RETREAT FROM HIS STATEMENTS. DATT HAS NO WAY JUDGE VERACITY THESE STATEMENTS BUT DEFENSE ADVISOR INCLINED GIVE "CERTAIN AMOUNT CREDIBILITY HIS REPORTS". DATT WILL FILE AS ITEM REMAINING TO BE VERIFIED).

E. QUERIED ON TACTICS OF FMG MOVE FROM NSUKKA TO ENUGU (IF AND WHEN), BISALLA SAID THAT MAY ONE WHO THINKS THAT FMG FORCES ROAD BOUND IN FOR BIG SURPRISE. BISALLA SAID COMBAT LESSIONS HAD BEEN LEARNED VERY QUICKLY AFTER FIRST SEVERAL DAYS ENCOUNTERS AND THAT FMG FORCES ON BOTH FRONTS NOW MOVING ESSENTIALLY THROUGH BUSH. SAID ONLY FECPIIMS SUPP ITED AKY\*SMALL INF FORCES NOW MOVING ON ROADS. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE ROAD NSUKKA TO ENUGU INDEED RIDGE ROAD, IT WAS POSSIBLE MOVE BELOW ESCARPMENT PARALLELING ROAD.

2. ALTHOUGH NEWS FROM FRONT STILL CONSPICUOUS BY ITS LATENESS AND LACK DETAIL, DATT BELIEVES SOME PATTERN CAN BE DRAWN FROM FIRST WEEKS FIGHTING. FMG PROGRESS HAS INDEED BEEN SLOW, BUT THIS PERHAPS SHOULD NOT BE UNEXPECTED THIS TYPE FOOT WAR IN AND OVER VERY DIFFICULT TERRAIN IN MIDST RAINY SEASON. EASTERN TROOPS DO NOT APEAR TO HAVE BROKEN UNDER FMG ATTACK AND NO EVIDENCE THEY ABOUT TO BREAK IMMEDIATE FUTURE. EASTERNDEFENSES WELL PLANNED AND CONDUCTED. ON OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, COGNIZAFCE MUST BE TAKEN OF FACT THAT AFTER FIRST WEEK FMG FORCES FIGHTING INSIDE EASTERN TERRITORY AND THEY APEAR MAKING SLOW BUT DEFINITE PROGRESS. AGAIN, DESPITE FACT DISTANCES ADVANCED NOT OVERWHELMING, ADVANCES MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING BEEN MADE AGAINST WHAT MUST BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN EASTERN FORCES MAIN LINE OF DEFENSE IN AREAS IN WHICH PERHAPS SIX MONTHS OR MORE HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO PREPARATION OF DEFENSES. THIS FACT, WHEN COUPLED WITH FACT FMG FORCES BREACHING THESE DEFENSES HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY INFANTRY FORCES ATTACKING FORCES OF ALMOST EQUAL STRNGTH, INDICATES THAT BASIC INFANTRY CAPABILITY FMG FORCES GOOD. WHETHER THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH AND LOGISTICS CAPABILITY KEEP PRESSURE ON EASTERN FORCES FOR LONG RUN PERIOD WHICH APEARS WILL BE NECESSARY REMAINS TO BE SEEN. AT PESENT, HOWEVER, DATT BELIEVES THEY HAVE INITIATIVE AND PROGRESS TOWARD OBJECTIVES CONTINUE.

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3. DATT QUERIED SEVERAL ARMY SOURCES TODAY ON SUBJECT  
AVAILABILITY AMMUNITION AND STRENGTH FMG RESERVE FORCES.  
THESE SOURCES MAINTAIN NO REAL SHORTAGE BASIC AMMO STOCKS  
EXIST; CURRENT PROBLEMS ARE IN AREA INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

AND TRANSPORTATION SOME PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED THOSE  
AREAS BUT SOURCES DID NOT EXPECT CRISIS SITUATION TO ARISE.  
ALL HAVE SAME GENERAL LINE ON SERVES; THIS NOT EVEN A PROBLEM  
FOR FMG. EQUIPMENT IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY ARMY ALL THOSE WITH  
MIL EXPERIENCE THAT COULD BE ARMED IS ONLY REAL PROBLEM.  
4. POLICE MEMBER SMC TOLD DA THIS MORNING THAT GOWON INDEED  
ACTIVELY SEEKING PURCHASE FIGHTER AND OR FIGHTER BOMBER  
AIRCRAFT IN EUROPE. SOURCE SAID PERSONNEL EMPOWERED BUY  
AND SPEND FOR QUOTE WHAT EVER IS AVAILABLE ON SHORTEST POSSIBLE  
DELIVERY TIME UNQUOTE.

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5. EVIDENCE CONTINUED TROOP MOVEMENTS STILL SEEN IN LAGOS  
AND SURROUNDING AREAS. EIGHT LORRY LOADS TROOPS IN COMBAT  
DRESS WEARING CAMOUFLAGE FATIGUE UNIFORMS PARKED VICINITY  
AIRPORT ROAD THIS MORNING. IMPRESSION OF OBSERVER WAS THAT  
UNIT COULD HAVE BEEN COMPANY STRENGTH AND PROBABLY ON WAY TO  
AIRPORT.

6. AMCONSUL KADUNA REPORTS 12 JULY THAT USWFD EMPLOYEE KANO  
REPORTS PRESENCE JULY 11 OF AIRCRAFT WHICH HE TENTATIVELY

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IDENTIFIED, FROM PERSONALLY OWNED HANDBOOK, AS CAR AND PASSENGER CARRYING AVIATION TRADERS LTD (U.K.) ATL 98 CARVAIR TRANSPORT. PLANE HAS BRITISH UNITED AIRLINES MARKINGS. SOURCE UNDERSTANDS PLANE ARRIVED WITH TWO OTHERS WHICH BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE ON TO LAGOS. KADUNA MS GOES ON TO SAY QUOTE SEE FBIS ITEM N112045 QUOTING EASTERN NIGERIA BROADCAST SERVICE BROADCAST OF 2000 GMT JULY 11 THAT TWO PLANES CARRYING WHITE MERCENARIES AND GUNS TOOK OFF FROM ENGLAND YESTERDAY JULY 10 FOR LAGOS UNQUOTE. DATT COMMENT. PAGE 131 JAMES ALL THE WORLDS AIRCRAFT 1966-67, DESCRIBES REF CORVAIR AS DC-4 CONVERSION TO CARRY MOTOR CARS, HEAVY FREIGHT OR UP TO 85 PASSENGERS.  
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FOR MATHEWS FROM PALMER

1. Number of messages received since you requested evacuation have caused us to inquire whether current military situation involves real likelihood that safety of our personnel in East likely to be placed in jeopardy. Possibility appears to be growing that military conflict can develop into stalemate along East's northern frontier. Reports from Ibadan (Ibadan's 13 and 14) indicate possibility that unless Federal forces make greater progress than they appear to be achieving, separatist and other perhaps leading to confederal agreement, internal pressures can be expected to develop in West. Therefore am inquiring whether you consider these points as sufficient to merit delay in impending evacuation from East.

2. FYI - Jack Vaughn has been pressing Department if it would

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not be possible for PCV's to remain in view his estimate of  
element of risk under current conditions. END FYI.

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1. Washington Post July 12 carried following editorial:

a. Dispatch of three transport planes to Congo seems to us necessary to help government suppress mercenary-led mutiny, but that one act does not validate or initiate intervention in other African political conflicts.

In Nigeria, for instance, where civil war is currently under way, we detect no sign that Administration intends to intervene and no reason why intervention would be necessary or to the good.

b. No mercenaries, with their taint and temptation of foreign incursion, are ~~xxxx~~ attacking Nigerian government. Geographically and militarily, it does not suffer from severe handicaps ~~xx~~ which led the Congo to petition Washington. The United States has no half-billion-dollar political investment to protect in Nigeria, as it does in Congo. Nor does it have reason to fear, as it does in Congo, that successful ~~xxxx~~ regional challenge to central government would unhinge not only country itself but stability of much of surrounding region.

c. In short, the Congo is one place, Nigeria is another. American interests in each are quite distinct, and should be kept distinct by American Government and by its critics too. Intervention is appropriate in Congo ~~xx~~ but not in Nigeria.

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EMBASSY IN FULL ACCORD WITH DEPT'S REASONING DEVELOPED REFTEL ABOUT BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONGO AND NIGERIAN SITUATIONS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS SPECIAL STRESS IN ALL SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT BE GIVEN TO FACT THAT PRESENT THREAT TO CONGO IS ESSENTIALLY EXTERNAL. EVEN THOUGH WE STILL UNABLE CONFIRM OR DENY PRESENT MERCENARY INSURGENCY ORCHESTRATED FROM ABROAD, FACT IS THAT MERCENARIES ARE FOREIGNERS WHO THREATENING CONGO GOVERNMENT'S EXISTENCE AND NATION'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. *NC* BRIDE  
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EAST AFRICAN LEADERS MEETING ON NIGERIA

1. ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER NGALANDE TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 12 ABOUT NAIROBI MEETING OF EAST AFRICAN PRESIDENTS KAUNDA, NYERE, KENYATTA AND OBOTE ON JULY 8. NGALANDE HAD RETURNED LUSAKA FOR CONSULTATION AND WAS PRESENT AT NAIROBI MEETING.

2. NGALANDE SAID CHIEF PURPOSE OF MEETING UNDERCUT BY INITIATION OF FIGHTING IN NIGERIA. BY TIME PRESIDENTS ACTUALLY GOT AROUND TO DISCUSSING NIGERIA BOTH LAGOS AND ENUGU HAD ANNOUNCED MILITARY ACTION UNDERWAY. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THEY DISCUSSED NIGERIA FOR LESS THAN ONE HOUR AND THEY COULD ONLY ISSUE BRIEF STATEMENT

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-2- LAGOS 359 7/12/67

IN REGARD TO NIGERIA. NEWSPAPERS IN NIGERIA HAVE CARRIED REPORT THAT COMMUNIQUE SAID FOUR HEADS OF STATE

AGREED THAT SITUATION IN NIGERIA WAS " HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE AND HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS NOT ONLY TO NIGERIA, BUT ALSO TO THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD AS A WHOLE." ACCORDING NIGERIAN PRESS REPORTS THE FOUR LEADERS" REGARDED THE CRISIS AS ESSENTIALLY ONE FOR NIGERIA TO SOLVE" AND THAT " HAD NO INTENTIONS OF INTERFERING IN HER INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

3. NGALANDE SAID THAT ZAMBIAN PLAN BEFORE FIGHTING BROKE OUT WAS FOR FOUR LEADERS TO ISSUE APPEAL TO NIGERIANS NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE AND ALSO APPEARL TO GENERAL ANKRAH TO RENEW HIS EFFORTS TO RECONCILE CONFLICTING ELEMENTS IN NIGERIA. ZAMBIAN THOUGHT OTHER EAST AFRICANS WOULD READILY JOIN IN APPEAL TO ANKRAH BECAUSE HE IS HEAD OF NEIGHBORING COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY AND HE IS A MILITARY MAN WHO KNOWS NIGERIA AND PRESENT NIGERIAN LEADERS QUITE WELL. BUT OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING PREVENTED EVEN THIS INITIATIVE FROM GETTING STARTED.  
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Embassy should provide FMG preferably in writing with the following information to disassociate USG from presence of B-26 aircraft No. N-12756 in Nigeria:

QUOTE The Embassy has been informed that a B-26 aircraft bearing US registration N-12756 was recently reported to have been seen in Eastern Nigeria. According to information available to the Dept of State, a B-26 aircraft, serial number 41/39531, was sold by the French Air Force Supply Department in 1966 to the PanEurasia Trading Co., Luxembourg. This aircraft was subsequently sold to an American citizen residing in Luxembourg and on Oct 13, 1966 was, at the request of the owner, registered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and assigned registration number N-12756.

According to the records of the FAA, a ferry permit was issued on Dec 5, 1966 for a flight from Bretigny, France, to Wevelgen, Belgium.

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SITREP 2400Z JULY 11 FROM MILGOV OJUKWU.

1. FIGHTING LARGELY CONFINED TO NSUKKA FRONT WHERE OJUKWU

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BELIEVES FMG FORCES WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT IN NEXT TWO DAYS TO  
BREAK THROUGH. VILLAGES OF ENUGU-EZIKE AND OBOLU-AFOR HAVE  
BEEN RETAKEN BY BIAFRAN TROOPS. OJUKWU VISITED FRONT EARLY  
HOURS JULY 11 TO HAVE PERSONAL LOOK AT SITUATION AND FOR  
MORALE PURPOSES. SAID SOME BIAFRAN UNITS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER  
HEAVY PRESSURE HAD BEHAVED LIKE GREEN TROOPS THEY WERE AND  
NEEDED SOME STIFFENING. IN GENERAL OJUKWU APPEARED CONFIDENT  
BIAFRANS WILL HOLD NSUKKA AND CLAIMED THEY PRESENTLY MAKING  
ADVANCES INTO NORTHERN TERRITORY AT SOME POINTS. SAID THERE  
INCREASING SIGNS FMG FORCES RUNNING OUT OF STEAM WHICH HE  
ATTRIBUTES TO SUPPLY SHORTAGES AND POSSIBLE FMG MORALE PROBLEMS  
AS RESULT FAILURE ACHIEVE PROMISED OBJECTIVES QUICKLY AND  
EASILY. REFERRING TO THE EXAGGERATED RESPECT WHICH BIAFRAN  
TROOPS SHOWED FOR FMG RECCE SQUADRONS, OJUKWU SAID HE DID NOT  
ANTICIPATE THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM MUCH LONGER. NOTED THAT  
"LAWS OF NATURE" WOULD SOON BEGIN OPERATING ON ARMORED CARS  
AND CALCULATED THAT THESE WOULD SOON NOT BE OPERATIONAL WHETHER  
FROM MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN OR COMBAT DAMAGE.

2. OJUKWU SAID OGOJA SECTOR QUIET EXCEPT GAKEM WHERE SOME

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FIGHTING CONTINUES.

3. (AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO DROVE FROM MAMFE TO ENUGU JULY 11 REPORTED ALL QUIET FROM IKOM TO ENUGU WITH FEW SIGNS OF TROOPS. NOTED THAT ALL BRIDGES BETWEEN IKOM AND ABAKALIKI MINED FOR DEMOLITION. SAID MISSIONARY HAD REPORTED BOTH BIAFRAN AND FMG TROOPS HAD DEPARTED OBUDU ALTHOUGH FEW DAYS EARLIER HAD SEEN AT LEAST 800 BIAFRAN TROOPS THERE.)

4. OJUKWU ADMITTEDLY TIRED BUT COMPLETELY RELAXED. COMMENTING ON HAGGARD LOOKS WHICH PARKER AND I APPARENTLY BEGINNING TO SHOW, OJUKWU SAID HE HAD ADVANTAGE OVER US BECAUSE AFRICANS ABLE COMPLETELY DISENGAGE FROM PRESSURES EVEN IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES WHICH ABILITY HE SAID HE FOUND RARE AMONG EUROPEANS.

5. HE DID NOT SEEM UNDULY EXCITED ABOUT RUMORS THAT BRITISH SHIPS BEING CHARTERED BY FMG TO TRANSPORT FEDERAL TROOPS TO RIVERS AREA. APPEARED WILLING BELIEVE STORY NOT TRUE AND ASKED WHAT COULD TROOPS DO EVEN IF LANDED IN DELTA SINCE THEY SIMPLY NOT EQUIPPED OR TRAINED FOR THIS TYPE OPERATION.

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6. WHEN INFORMED I HAD ORDERS EVACUATE USG EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACT PEOPLE AND TO ADVISE PRIVATE CITIZENS THIS ACTION HIS ONLY RESPONSE WAS HE DID NOT RPT NO BELIEVE SITUATION JUSTIFIED THIS BUT WOULD GIVE US FULL COOPERATION. I GOT IMPRESSPIN OJUKWU DOESN'T THINK IT MAKES MUCH DIFFERENCE WHETHER PEACE CORPS, WHICH WILL BE GREAT BULK OF USG EVACUEES, GOES OR STAYS AND THAT WHAT MATTERS MOST TO HIM AT THIS TIME IS THAT CONSULATE PRESENCE BE MAINTAINED AND THAT OIL COMPANY OPERATIONS CONTINUE.

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NSC 1. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR CHARTER OF NIGER RIVER  
INR CRAFT TO EVACUATE USAID AND PEACE CORPS PERSONNEL, PLUS AS  
AID MANY PRIVATE AMCITS AS WISH TO TRAVEL. WHILE CERTAIN CATE-  
FC GORIES OF USG PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DEPARTING FOR SOME TIME,  
SCA MOVEMENT IN GREATER NUMBERS IS SCHEDULED BEGIN JULY 13.  
SCS 2. IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER  
O OF ROADCHECKS WITHIN THE CITY MANNED BY INEXPERIENCED AND  
ST OVERZEALOUS CIVIL DEFENSE PERSONNEL. ON THE AFTERNOON AND  
IEB EVENING OF JULY 11 THESE ROADCHECKS BECAME A MAJOR HINDRANCE  
FBO TO MOVEMENT AND, IF CONTINUED, COULD HAVE CONSTITUTED A  
OIR THREAT TO SECURITY AND MORALE OF EXPATS. DURING BRIEFING  
OC SESSION WITH OJUKWU EVEINING JULY 11 DHC PARKER AND CONSUL  
BARNARD BOTH STRESSED SERIOUSNESS OF HAVING ARMED CIVIL  
DEFENSE PERSONNEL HARRASSING EXPATS AND "BIAFRANS" ALIKE.  
OJUKWU PROMISED TO REMEDY SITUATION; SINCE 1200Z TODAY  
CONSULATE PERSONNEL HAVE SEEN ONLY ONE ROADCHECK IN ENUGU  
AND IT MANNED BY COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT POLICE.  
RSC 3. ENUGU CALM AND RELAXED. USAID RADIO REPORTS FROM OWERRI AND  
CCO PORT HARCOURT  
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Following transcript Dept spokesman noon briefing July 11,  
nonessential words omitted:

Q: ~~QXX~~ The Federal Nigerian Government claims it met white  
mercenaries in the eastern province. Do you have any independent  
information of presence of mercenaries?

A: No, nothing we could confirm. We have, for BACKGROUND,  
seen some reports--and they are unconfirmed--about white pilots in  
~~Nigeria~~ Nigeria, but that is extent of our information.

Q: In the service of--

A: Unconfirmed.

Q: Can you tell us what kind of equipment the Nigerians asked for?

A: No, sir.

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1. REPTEL COMMENTED THAT "DIFFERENCE IN NIGERIAN AND CONGOLESE SITUATION IS ALSO APPARENT IN TREATMENT BY OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS WHO LIKE U.S. ARE REFRAINING FROM TAKING SIDES IN NIGERIA." WITH RESPECT CONGO, DEPT ADDS AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE "EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU AND HIS GOVERNMENT."

2. EMBASSY REPORTED ON JUNE 9 (LAGOS 10070) AND JULY 9 (A-019) THAT NOT ONE COUNTRY HAS RECOGNIZED BREAKAWAY EASTERN REGION AS INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA. BY NOW 19 AFRICAN AND 11 OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED NON-RECOGNITION. SUBSEQUENT TO LAGOS A-019, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND SOMALI REPUBLIC HAVE DENIED RECOGNITION BIAFRA. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN LAGOS OF LETTER TO GOVON FROM CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA STATES "THE SO-CALLED REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA BORN OF A REBELLION AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY YOU REPRESENT, WILL NEVER BE RECOGNIZED IN ANY WAY BY THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC." BELOW IS A LIST OF ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DENIED RECOGNITION:

PAGE 3 RUTALS 328CC C O N F I D E N T I A L  
A. AFRICA -- PUBLIC STATEMENTS: ETHIOPIA, GHANA, GUINEA, NIGER, TANZANIA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, TOGO, GAMBIA, SUDAN, SIERRA LEONE, CHAD, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

B. AFRICA -- PRIVATE SOURCES: ZAMBIA, CAMEROON, DAHOMEY, SENEGAL, BOTOWANA, KENYA, SOMALI REPUBLIC.

C. OTHER AREAS -- PUBLIC STATEMENTS: U.S., ISRAEL, U.K.N INDIA, U.S.S.R., AUSTRALIA, KUWAIT.

D. OTHER AREAS -- PRIVATE SOURCES: FRANCE, GERMANY, SPAIN, NETHERLANDS.

3. CANADA, BELGIUM, GREECE HAVE MADE NO REPLY TO COMMUNICATIONS RAISING QUESTION RECOGNITION. MALAYSIA MADE NO STATEMENT ON RECOGNITION, BUT AGREED SUSPEND POSTAL SERVICES TO BIAFRA. PORTUGAL POINTEDLY LEFT SELF UNCOMMITTED, BUT HAS NOT RECOGNIZED BIAFRA.

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1. BROADCASTING COMPANY NORTHERN NIGERIA (BCNN) CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM IN 1800 (LOCAL TIME) NEWSCAST: QUOTE AMERICAN HAS SUPPLIED REBEL OJUKWU WITH SIX B-20 RPT B-20 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNQUOTE.

2. ITEM WAS PICKED UP BY BCNN FROM NBC LAGOS NEWSCAST OF 1600 AND REVISED FOR LOCAL BROADCAST. ORIGINAL NBC ITEM (REFTEL) NOTED FMG WAS AWARE OF AMERICAN-MADE B-26 IN EASTERN STATES. LOCAL NEWS EDITOR MISINTERPRETED ITEM TO READ AS QUOTED ABOVE.

3. IN DISCUSSING ERROR WITH BPAO, NEWS EDITOR AGREED TO ALTER SUBSEQUENT BROADCASTS TO CITE ONE B-26 AIRCRAFT BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO CHANGING ALLEGATION THAT AIRCRAFT WAS QUOTE SUPPLIED BY AMERICA UNQUOTE.

4. CONSULATE/USIS MONITORING SUBSEQUENT BCNN NEWSCAST 2030 TO HEAR WHETHER CORRECTION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ONE OR BOTH POINTS PARA 3 ABOVE.  
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1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT RELEASED BY FMG AT PRESS BRIEFING 1100Z TODAY (NON-ESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

2. "NIGERIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT SEEK MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM UNITED STATES. OVER PAST FEW YEARS LIMITED QUANTITIES OF ARMS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM UNITED STATE MANUFACTURERS AND FROM SUPPLIERS IN OTHER ARMS-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS FOR WHICH FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT RECENTLY ASKED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE EXPORT PERMITS TO ENABLE IT BUY THEM COMMERCIALY FROM UNITED STATES MANUFACTURERS. IT WITHIN RIGHT OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DENY EXPORT PERMITS WHICH PRESUMABLY IT HAS DONE.

3. "THIS STATEMENT IS ISSUED TO CORRECT WRONG AND MISLEADING IMPRESSION CREATED BY RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON. NIGERIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF POSSESSION BY REBELS OF AMERICAN MADE B-26 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT IS HOWEVER GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDS SITUATION IN NIGERIA AS STRICTLY INTERNAL

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MATTER. IT THEREFORE URGES UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS NOT TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY. IT DOES NOT NEED ANY MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ANY QUARTER TO CRUSH REBELLION IN ENUGU".

4. DURING BRIEFING PERMSEC MIN ECON DEVELOPMENT AYIDA SAID "AMERICANS APPARENTLY HAVE ONE RULE FOR CONGO AND ANOTHER FOR NIGERIA". HE SAID USG HAS MADE IT CLEAR ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CONGO. HE THEN COMMENTED THAT IF USG CAN MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE CONGO, NIGERIANS FEEL USG CAN MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENT FOR NIGERIA.

5. WHEN ASKED IF HE AWARE THAT REFERENCE IN PRESS STATEMENT 1 "AMERICAN-MADE B-26 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT" SUGGESTED THAT MILITARY HARDWARE PROVIDED REBELS BY USG, AYIDA REPLIED HE WOULD LEAVE THAT UP TO US STATE DEPARTMENT TO CLARIFY. IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT THAT WORDING OF STATEMENT IMPLIES MORE THAN ONE AIRCRAFT, HE SAID INTENTION OF STATEMENT WAS TO INDICATE ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT.

6. MILITARY SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO IN USINFO REFTEL WAS A CAPTAIN A. MOHAMMED. AFTER GIVING INFORMATION THAT FOREIGN MERCENARIES FIGHTING FOR EAST HAD BEEN KILLED BY NIGERIAN ARMY (REFTEL), HE DECLINED FOR MOST PART TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BY NEWSMEN. HOWEVER HE DID INSIST NSUKKA BEING SHELLLED. HE CONFIRMED THAT NIGERIAN NAVY HAS CAPTURED ANOTHER MERCHANT SHIP, BUT SAID NAVY IS WITHOLDING ANNOUNCEMENT. HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ABOUT DEFECTION GEORGE KURUBO, EXCEPT TO SAY KURUBO STILL A LT. COLONEL IN THE FEDERAL ARMY.

7. JOURNALISTS INFORMED GOWON WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS 1200Z JULY 13.

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1. I JUST DISCUSSED WITH GOWON POSSIBILITY OF U.S.  
SENDING AUSTRALIAN GEN INTO PORT HARCOURT TO PICK UP

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AMERICANS FROM EAST. GOWON SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME  
FINAL ANSWER TOMORROW BUT GAVE EVERY INDICATION THAT  
FINAL ANSWER WILL BE NEGATIVE.

2. IF HIS RESPONSE NEGATIVE AS EXPECTED, WE CAN NO  
LONGER PLAN ON SEA EVACUATION. FURTHER DELAY IN  
MOVING USAID AND PCV PERSONNEL FROM EAST COULD BE  
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. YOU  
WILL THEREFORE IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT MARTIN OLSON  
TO BEGIN MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE  
TO ONITSHA AND ACROSS RIVER. AT SAME TIME ADVISE U.S.  
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ROUTE TO MAMFO YOU WILL ADVISE EMBASSY AND YAOUNDE  
OF NAMES THOSE USING THAT ROUTE.

3. UN PEOPLE WERE ABLE EVACUATE NOT ONLY THEMSELVES  
BUT AUTOMOBILES TOO. WE UNDERSTAND THEY ENGAGED  
ARNEL'S TRANSPORT LTD. WHICH TOOK CARE OF ALL  
NECESSARY DETAILS FOR SHIPPING AUTOMOBILES AND  
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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PRESS AND RADIO ATTACK BRITISH GOVT AND SHELL-BP.

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1) EXTREME BITTERNESS ON PART FMG WITH SHELL-BP DECISION MAKE THEIR ROYALTY PAYMENT TO OJUKWU AND WITH EFFORTS HMG

EXPLAIN SHELL-BP POSITION AND KEEP OIL FLOWING EVIDENCED BY COORDINATED RADIO AND PRESS ATTACKS ON BRITAIN, SHELL-BP AS WELL AS OTHER QUOTE FORMER FRIENDS UNQUOTE AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. ATTACKS OBVIOUSLY AIMED ALSO AT USG.

2) FEDMIN INFORMATION NEWS TALK BROADCAST JULY 10 ENTITLED QUOTE THE OTHER ENEMIES OF NIGERIA UNQUOTE BITTERLY DENOUNCES UNNAMED QUOTE OLD FRIENDS OF NIGERIA UNQUOTE FOR PLAYING DOUBLE GAME BY HIDING BEHIND CLOAK OF NON-INTERVENTION. SOME WESTERN POWERS ARE TRYING TO USE SOME AFRICAN STATES TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK, I.E., DIVIDE NIGERIA TO PERMIT EASIER ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION NIGERIA'S WEALTH. IT HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY TO RECOGNIZE A GOVERNMENT AS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY BUT THEN DENY IT THE RIGHT TO ASSERT THAT AUTHORITY. IT VERY WRONG TO USE THIRD POWERS TO SUPPLY LETHAL WEAPONS TO ENUGU REBELS.

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3) NIGEIRA'S FAITH IN HER SO-CALLED FRIENDS IS UNDERMINED NOW THAT ENEMIES OF ECONOMICALLY STRONG AND POLITICALLY UNITED NIGERIA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. CRISIS SHOWS WHO TRUE FRIEND ARE AND, SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, COUNTRIES WHOM NIGERIA HAS USUALLY BEEN ADVISED TO REGARD AS ENEMIES EMERGE IN FRONT RANKS NIGERIA'S TRUE FRIENDS. AFTER CRUSHING ENUGU REBELS, WE MUST DEAL SERIOUSLY

WITH OTHER ENEMIES.

4) ALTHOUGH BROADCAST DOES NOT MENTION SHELL-BP BY NAME, IT DECRIES PAYMENT TO OJUKWU AS PREMATURE BY AT LEAST 21 DAYS, AND THEREFORE PROOF THAT PAYMENT REPRESENTED ABUSE OF TRUST RATHER THAN DURESS. QUOTE THEY THINK THEY ARE SO ECONOMICALLY ENTRENCHED WITHIN OUR GATES THAT THEY CAN FORCE OUR HANDS AGAINST OUR WILL UNQUOTE.

5) EDITORIALS MORNING POST, AND NEW NIGERIAN, JULY 10 VOICE DISPLEASURE SHELL-BP TOKEN PAYMENT OFFER AND BY EXTENSION, BRITISH GOVT WHICH POST CALLS QUOTE THE DE FACTO SPONSORS OF SHELL-BP UNQUOTE. DAILY TIMES CONCLUDES THAT IF CRISIS PROLONGED, SHELL-BP AND HMG CANNOT ESCAPE CHARGES OF HAVING AIDED AND ABETTED DISRUPTIVE FORCES IN NIGERIA. POST DOES NOT BELIEVE SHELL-BP WOULD DECIDE BREAK AGREEMENT WITH NIGERIAN GOVT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL HMG. IN SO DOING, BRITAIN HAS GIVEN A DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO REBEL REGIME, WHICH NOT ONLY EMBARRASSING BUT AN UNPALATABLE AFFRONT TO NIGERIAN SOVEREIGNTY. COMING FROM BRITAIN, WHICH FORMERLY ACCEPTED WITHOUT QUESTION AS FRIEND OF NIGERIA, IT LIKE THE BLOW OF BRUTUS. NIGERIA SHOULD LEARN LESSON NOT PACK ALL EGGS IN ONE BASKET TO AVOID EXPOSURE

TO BLACKMAIL. FMG SHOULD BEGIN NOW SEEK NEW MARKETS FOR HER OIL. 6) IN JULY 11 EDITORIAL ENTITLED GREAT BRITAIN, MORNING POST SAYS GEORGE THOMAS LONDON ANNOUNCEMENT BRITAIN WILL RELY ON INTERNATIONAL LAW TO LIFT NIGERIAN BLOCKADE OF OIL TANKERS AS PROOF HMG UNFRIENDLY INVOLVEMENT IN NIGERIAN SITUATION. CHARGES THAT BRITAIN HAS WORKED SYSTEMATICALLY AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY AND SOLIDARITY OF NIGERIA. MATHEWS.

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KITTY) AND NNDP SYMPATHIES LAGOS "ESTABLISHMENT" WILL LEAVE

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AG OUT IN COLD AND STRENGTHEN NNDP IN EVENT FMG WINS AGAINST  
EAST (IBIDAN 11). EVIDENCE NNDP SUPPORT FMG GIVEN ASST USAID  
DIRECTOR ON 11TH BY R.O.A. AKIFKIDE, FORMER XFM FEDERAL  
MINISTER EDUCATION AND ONE OF MORE NOTORIOUS UNRECONSTRUCTED  
MINISTERS, WHEN TU EXPRESSED COMPLETE ACCORD FMG MILITARY ACTION  
AND OTHER POLICIES. WITH BOTH PARTIES ACTIVELY JOCKEYING FOR  
POSITION IN DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY DURING WHICH ALL POLITICAL  
ACTIVITY OUTLAWED, IT DIFFICULT PREDICT WHICH COURSE EITHER PARTY  
WILL FOLLOW.

4. GOWON'S MISTRUST OF YORUBAS (PARTICULARLY AG) APPARENTLY  
REFLECTED IN FMG DECISION RETAIN PART OF 3RD BN IN IBADAN  
(IBADAN 13).

5. ODUMOSU INDICATED THAT AWO STILL OF OPINION THAT BEST  
CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION LIES IN CONFEDERAL IDEA. VIRTUALLY  
AUTONOMOUS UNITS WOULD INCLUDE WEST WITH LAGOS, MID-WEST,  
EAST AND AS MANY UNITS AS NORTH WISHES. PRESERVATION OF ONE  
NIGERIA WOULD BE LARGELY NOMINAL AND POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT  
WOULD INCLUDE ONLY THOSE WHICH COMPONENT UNITS FIND TO  
THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE IN SUCH FIELDS AS TRADE, SERVICES, ETC.

6. ANOTHER SOURCE WITH CLOSE CONTACTS IN LAGOS AG ENVISIONED  
ALMOST SAME SOLUTION. WHEN QUERIED AS TO HOW IT WOULD COME  
ABOUT, SOURCE SAID THAT FORCES WITHIN THE FMG ITSELF APPARENTLY  
BECOMING DISCOURAGED AT LACK PROGRESS MILITARY CAMPAIGN AND  
WOULD FALL BACK ON SUCH SOLUTION AS ONLY WAY TO KEEP NIGERIA  
ONE. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHO IN MILITARY MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE  
TO ALL GROUPS, RESPONSE WAS BRIGADIER OGUNDIPE, NOW NIGERIAN  
HIGH COMMISSIONER TO U.K. SOURCE SAID THAT EAST WOULD PROBABLY  
AGREE JOIN CONFEDERAL NIGERIA IF NORTHERN DOMINANCE REMOVED AND  
CERTAIN GUARANTEES ON OIL REVENUES AND OTHER MATTERS COULD BE  
WORKED OUT.

7. ALL SOURCES SYMPATHETIC AG AGREE ONLY POLITICAL LEADER  
WITH SUFFICIENT STATURE EXPERIENCE TO POSSIBLY PULL PIECES  
TOGETHER AGAIN. EVEN TO THIS EXTENT, IS AWO.

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1. FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION AND INFORMED SOURCES, SMALL, BDHC, SAYS THAT MOST OF REMAINING MEN OF 1ST RECCE SQUAD MOVED OUT WITH TWO FERRETS, ONE SALADIN AND NUMBER SUPPORT VEHICLES ON JULY 10, LEAVING BEHIND THREE APPARENTLY OPERATIONAL AND ONE OBVIOUSLY BURNED-OUT FERRET (IBADAN 9).

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LT. YAKUBU OF RECCE SQUAD TOLD BRITISH EXPAT DESTINATION NSUKKA.

2. FATHER BURKE (CHAPLIN 3RD BN) TOLD SMALL (PROTECT BOTH SOURCES) THAT 3RD BN WAS APPARENTLY GETTING PREPARED MOVE OUT OVER WEEKEND, BUT PREPARATIONS SUDDENLY CEASED ON 10TH.

ODUMOSU, SECY WEST MILGOVT, TOLD ASST AID DIRECTOR (PROTECT SOURCE) THAT 3RD BN ORDERS MOVE BENUE PROVINCE ON 10TH SUDDENLY COUNTERMANDED AS FMG HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM BRITISH INTELLIGENCE THAT AG SUPPORT WOBBLY AND SEPARATIST SENTIMENT INCREASING. ACCORDING ODUMOSU, ON 11TH, 3RD BN RECEIVED ORDER FOR SOME OFFICERS AND MEN TO MOVE AND REST REMAIN IBADAN. DETAILS NOT KNOWN.

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3. ACCORDING FATHER BURKE, APPROX 200 YORUBA RECRUITS MOVED INTO 3RD BN CANTONMENT AREA ON 7TH AND 8TH. THEY REPORTEDLY RECRUITED INTO ARMY AT AGODI (SITE 2ND AREA COMMAND) WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS. THEY NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH 200 RIFLEMEN AND TRADESMEN (DRIVERS, MECHANICS, ETC.), WHO COMPLETED TRAINING AT ABEOKUTA TRAINING DEPOT JULY 8.

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4. AT LONG LAST (IBADAN 002, 322) ON JULY 10 WEST MILGOV BRIG ADEBAYO ESTABLISHED 23 MEMBER WESTERN CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE UNDER CHARMANSHIP OF CANON E. O. ALAYANDE, FORMER CHAPLAIN AG AND CLOSE CONFIDENT AJO. BRIG ADEBAY STRESSED NECESSITY MEET CHALLENGE OF ANY EMERGENCY BY BUTTRESSING PLAN OF NIGERIAN ARMY. COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF TRAINING CIVILIAN POPULATION ON HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF WESTERN COMMITTEE GIVES AG LONG SOUGHT AFTER OPPORTUNITY (IBADAN 322) ORGANIZE THEIR ACTIVISTS (READ THUGS) AND GIVE THEM MORE SYSTEMATIC TRAINING AND SEMI-OFFICIAL STANDING OR WHETHER THIS TO BE AN APOLITICAL COMMITTEE.

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BEEN SHIFTED TO NSUKKA SECTOR WHERE MAIN THRUST NOW RPT NOW  
EXPECTED.

2. HEAVY FEDERAL PRESSURE ON FRONT NORTH AND EAST OF NSUKKA  
ALTHOUGH ABSENCE ARTILLERY FIRE INDICATES AMMO SHORTAGE.

3. VILLAGES OF ENUGU AZIKE AND OBOLU-AFOR TAKEN AND DESTROYED  
BY FEDERAL TROOPS. BIAFRANS BELIEVE ONE FEDERAL BATTALION  
SHIFTED FROM RESERVE TO LINE AT NSUKKA FRONT. FEDERAL  
TROOPS EXPECTED TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TAKE NSUKKA AND  
DESTROY UNIVERSITY. ON ADVICE NSUKKA PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CIVILIANS EVACUATING NSUKKA. BIAFRAN ARMY HEAVILY REINFORCING  
NSUUA SECTOR AND DETERMINED HOLD CITY; NEXT TWO DAYS OF  
FIGHTING EXPECTED BE VERY IMPORTANT THIS AREA. BRIG HILARY  
PERSONALLY COMMANDING MIL OPS AT NSUKKA FRONT.

4. IF FEDERAL FORCES CAN BREAK THROUGH BIAFRAN LINE AT  
NSUKKA, IN ORDER PROCEEDMOUTH TO ENUGU THEY WILL HAVE TO  
MOVE FOR 32 MILES ALONG CREST OF ESCARPMENT BEFORE IT  
POSSIBLE TURN EAST FOR REMAINING NINE MILES TO ENUGU.

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ALTHOUGH ROAD IS GOOD IT THROUGH THICK BUSH AND RAIN FOREST  
WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ROAD BLOCKS AND AMBUSH.

5. ALL AM CITIZENS HAVE BEEN IN STATE OF ALERT FROM  
BEGINNING HOSTILITIES BUT REMAIN CALM WHILE AWAITING  
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CONSULATE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT  
BELIEVE SITUATION CALLS FOR EVACUATION AT THIS TIME. IN  
EVENT EVACUATION ENUGU MUST BE ORDERED, WE WOULD NOT RPT  
NOT RECOMMEND USE OF NIGER CROSSING AT ONITSHA IN VIEW OF  
LARGE NUMBERS INVOLVED. LIKEWISE WE DO NOT RECOMMEND  
SENDING PEOPLE TO PORT HARCOURT UNLESS SEAGOING SHIPS  
AVAILABLE IN PORT. WE DOUBT IF FMG WILL BE ABLE SERIOUSLY  
THREATEN ENUGU BUT IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN, WE PROPOSE  
MOVE EXPATRIATES TO OWERRI WHERE ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE  
IN OLD SHELL CAMP. WE ESTIMATE THERE ABOUT 500 EXPATRIATES  
PRESENTLY IN ONITSHA, ENUGU AND ABAKALIKI AREA. BARNARD

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1. GERMAN CONSUL ENZWEILER (PROTECT SOURCE) INFORMED  
 ME THIS MORNING HE HAD RELIABLE REPORT OF AIR ATTACK  
 YESTERDAY ON MAKURDI AIRFIELD BY B-26. ATTACK INVOLVED  
 STRAFING AND DROPPING UNIDENTIFIED PROJECTILES.

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 ENZWEILER SOURCE SAID THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND LITTLE  
 DAMAGE AT AIRPORT. ATTACK WAS PRECEDED BY OVERFLIGHT  
 DC-3 WHICH DID NOT FIRE BUT WHICH WAS FOLLOWED ALMOST  
 IMMEDIATELY BY B-26.

2. HASSAN KATSINA TOLD ME AND UKDHC LAIRD THIS MORNING  
 THAT PLANE HAD STRAFED MAKURDI AIRFIELD AND DROPPED  
 UNIDENTIFIED DUDS WHICH HE THOUGHT WERE FIRE BOMBS OF  
 SOME SORT. HE ALSO SAID EAST HELICOPTER HAD INDEED  
 LANDED NEAR IDAH, SHOT UP VILLAGE, AND DEPARTED. KATSINA  
 SAID FMG LAGOS HAS REPORT BIAFRANS MAY HAVE ACQUIRED  
 SECOND B-26.

3. KATSINA AFRAID NOW BIAFRAN AIR ATTACK ON KADUNA  
 MAY FOLLOW BUT FMG HAS DECIDED WITHHOLD NEWS OF  
 ATTACK ON MAKURDI FOR FEAR OF TERRORIZING LOCAL  
 POPULACE. HE SAID SINGLE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN MOUNTED  
 KADUNA AIRPORT HAD NO AMMO TO DATE BUT HOPES SOME  
 MAY ARRIVE TODAY FROM LAGOS.

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4. GERMAN CONSUL TOLD ME NAF ATTEMPTING INSTALL MACHINE GUNS IN DO-WU AND PIAGGO TRAINERS BUT SAID DORNIER PERSONNEL UNDER STRICT ORDERS NOT BECOME INVOLVED. ENZWEILER AFRAID FOR SAFETY DORNIER PERSONNEL WHO ALL RESIDENT AT NAF BASE KADUNA.

5. ENZWEILER SAID NAF TRAINERS WERE BEING USED FOR OBSERVATION BUT HE HAD REPORT THAT NAF PILOTS RELUCTANT APPROACH BATTLE LINES.

6. MORE TO FOLLOW.  
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O ROOM WHICH HE OBVIOUSLY NOT DESPOSED TO DO, HE COULD  
SY NOT GIVE US GREATER DETAIL ON FIGHTING THAN WE HAD FROM  
PER PAPERS AND RADIO. HE SAID IN FACT HE HAD VERY LITTLE  
OPR INFO AND HAD JUST ADVISED GOWON HE NOT IN POSSESSION UP  
OG TO MINUTE INFO.

2. IN LONG FREE-WHEELING COMMENTARY THAT FOLLOWED  
KATSINA SAID, IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTTEL,  
EAST HAD ACHIEVED GREATER BUILDUP OF FORCES THAN FMG  
HAD FORESEEN. HE SAID, CONTRARY ALL REPORTS, NORTH HAD  
NOT SECRETLY BUILT UP FORCES PRIOR TO JUNE CALL FOR  
VOLUNTEERS AND "NORTH OR FMG FORCES, WHATEVER YOU CALL  
THEM" THUS FACING HANDICAP NOW. SAID HE HAD OPPOSED  
RECRUITING BECAUSE HE FELT PUTTING ARMS IN HANDS OF  
"CIVILIANS" WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO SECURITY. HE SAID  
HE HAD JUDGED EAST MOVE TO ARM CIVILIANS WAS RISKY  
FROM SECURITY POINT OF VIEW BUT NOW, HE NOTED,  
CIVILIANS WERE FIGHTING WITH EAST FORCES. HE  
EMPHASIZED NORTH CIVIL DEFENSE ONLY FOR PROTECTION  
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7. KATSINA SAID RATHER THAN FIGHT EAST HE HAD MAINTAINED SINCE ABURI THAT ALL REGIONS SHOULD SEPARATE, ADDING "THEN NORTH COULD HAVE DEALT WITH STATES QUESTION AS IT SAW FIT." HE SAID HIS POSITION ALWAYS WAS OPPOSED BY ADERAYO EJOOR AND "LAGOS." THEIR ARGUMENT WAS THAT ASSOCIATION OF SOVEREIGN STATES WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AT BENIN HE SAID HE TOOK POSITION "LET EAST SEPARATE" BUT OTHERS SAID COMMUNIQUE COULD NOT READ THIS WAY OTHERWISE OJUKWU WOULD SAY EAST BEING FORCED OUT OF NIGERIA. KATSINA SAID HIS REPLY TO THIS WAS, "WELL, HE'S GOING TO LEAVE ANYWAY."

8. KATSINA SAID HE HAD HEARD BBC REPORT THIS MORNING THAT NIGERIA REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR ARMS AID HAD BEEN RUTNED DOWN (STATE 4022). HE SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE IN LOCAL PRESS TOMORROW BUT SAID JOKINGLY HE WOULD TELL ADAMU CIROMA TO SOFT PEDAL IT. HE INTUATED LOCAL REACTION TO STORY WILL NOT BE GOOD.

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1. DEARTH OF INFORMATION FORM FIGHTING AREA RE MILITARY SITUATION REFLECTED IN LAGOS PRESS, WHICH TODAY ( JULY 11) MAKES LITTLE MENTION OF WAR AND INSTEAD FEATURES FMG REJECTION UK POSITION ON OIL BLOCKADE (REFTEL). FMG-OWNED MORNING POST EMPHASIZED FMG WAS WARNED THAT ANY PAYMENT TO EAST BY OIL COMPANY WOULD BE REGARDED AS INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. PRESS ALSO GIVES SOME PROMINENCE TO DEPARTURE OF ARNOLD SMITH, SYG COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT. (COMMENT: SMITH VISIT HAD NO NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON NIGERIAN SITUATION.)

3. DURING PRESS BRIEFING YESTERDAY PERMSEC MIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AYIDA REITERATED FMG CLAIM NSUKKA SURROUNDED AND SAID THAT AFTER CAPTURE OF NSUKKA JOURNALISTS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO THE TOWN TO SEE THINGS FOR THEMSELVES. IN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED

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LATE YESTERDAY FMG STATED: " THREE REBEL COMPANIES OF

OVER 300 MEN, INCLUDING SEVERAL WHITE MERCENARIES, WERE WIPED OUT DURING WEEKEND FIGHTING. CASUALTIES OF FEDERAL TROOPS ARE SIX DEAD AND SIX INJURED." STATEMENT READ THAT ON OGOJA FRONT FEDERAL TROOPS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE ACCORDING TO PLAN, THAT REBEL FORCES HAVE NOT COUNTER-ATTACKED IN THAT AREA AND REBEL RESISTANCE SLIGHT. SAID CIVILIANS " IN LIBERATED AREAS ARE REJOICING". (COMMENT: FMG CLAIMS HAVE OPENED CREDIBILITY GAP, AT LEAST AMONG INFORMED OBSERVERS AND JOURNALISTS IN LAGOS.)

4. NEW NIGERIAN (PUBLISHED IN KADUNA BUT DISTRIBUTED WIDELY IN LAGOS), JULY 11 HAD TWO FRONT PAGE LEAD STORIES SPZUT DEFECTION OF REBEL BRIGADIER AND USE OF MERCENARIES BY OJUKWU. ONE ANNOUNCES DEFECTION OF GEORGE KURUBO WHO RECENTLY PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER BY OJUKWU. KURUBO FORMERLY LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN NIGERIAN ARMY AND WAS HEAD OF NIGERIAN AIR FORCE IN IROWSI GOVERNMENT. SINCE HE IS FROM RIVERS STATE AREA, AND IS NOT AN IBO, HIS ALLEGIANCE TO BIAFRA HAS BEEN DOUBTFUL ENUGU 677 MAY 9). OTHER STORY IN NEW NIGERIAN, WRITTEN BY CORRESPONDENT FROM

BATTLEFIELD, HAS AIR OF AUTHENTICITY, AS FOLL

A. " ALTHOUGH NO WHITE MERCENARY HAS SO FAR BEEN CAPTURED ALIVE THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT FOREIGN SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN USED TO TRAIN AND LEAD ELEMENTS OF THE REBEL ARMY. IN A FILCE AND DECISIVE ENCOUNTER THAT LASTED FOR FIVE HOURS IN THE ADURU AREA -- A KEY POINT 15 MILES FROM NSUKKA--THREE COMPANIES OF REBEL SOLDIERS WERE WIPED OUT AND AMONG THOSE KILLED WERE TEN WHITE MERCENARIES, AND A LT.-COLONEL, WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN WITHHELD. THIS, ONE OF THE MOST KEENLY CONTESTED BATTLES OF THE EARLY CLASHES, WAS FOUGHT AT CLOSE RANGE. HEAVY MACHINE GUNS AND GRENADES WERE AMONG THE ARMS CAPTURED. IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE FIGHTING--FOR THE MOST PART IT IS BEING FOUGHT OUT ON FOOT IN HEAVY RAIN AND ACROSS DIFFICULT COUNTRY--THE MORALE OF THE FEDERAL TROOPS HAS BEEN HIGH AND CASUALTIES LIGHT. WOUNDED HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITALS IN BENUE PROVINCE. SO FRB NKSNO ONE IS UNDERESTIMATING THE RESISTANCE PUT UP BY THE REBELS.

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BEFORE ENUGU EZIKE WAS CAPTURED LATE ON SATURDAY, FOR INSTANCE, REBEL SOLDIERS, BACKED BY CIVIL DEFENCE FIGHTERS WEARING ONLY SINGLET'S AND SHORTS, FOUGHT WITH GREAT TENACITY AND ONLY TWO WERE LEFT ALIVE TO BE TAKEN AS PRISONERS BACK TO OTURKPO AND MAKURDI. SO FAR THINGS APPEAR TO BE GOING WELL, BUT THE MANNER IN WHICH CIVILIAN FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGING FEDERAL TROOPS WITH A FEW HARASSING SHOTS AND THEN DISAPPEARING INTO THE BUSH, TENDS TO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN GUERRILLA WARFARE."  
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NIGERIA AIRWAYS' (NA) GENERAL MANAGER, BERGER GROENLUND (PROTECT SOURCE) INFORMED REGIONAL CIVIL AIR ATTACHE (RCAA) JULY 11 THAT NA HAS SUSPENDED ALL SERVICE TO BENIN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, STATING, IN RESPONSE RCAA'S QUERY FOR REASON SUSPENSION, "BENIN TO CLOSE," AND REFUSED ELABORATE.

COMMENT: BENIN IS TOO FAR FROM THEATER OF OPERATIONS TO EXPOSE AIRCRAFT TO FLAK OR GROUND FIRE, HENCE NA PROBABLY SKITTISH POSSIBILITY ANOTHER HI-JACKING ATTEMPT OR BOMBING OR STRAFING ATTACK BY B-26 ON NA AIRCRAFT ON GROUND BENIN AIRFIELD. EASTERN REGION OBVIOUSLY KNOWS GROUND TIMES NA AIRCRAFT FROM NA TIMETABLE.  
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1. HEAD OF NIGERIAN FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG)  
TOLD AMBASSADOR TODAY HE HAD REPORT B-26 JUST ACQUIRED BY  
BREAKAWAY GOVT OF EASTERN NIGERIA (BIAFRA) IN BELGIUM WOULD  
TRANSIT LISBON AND SAG TOME EN ROUTE EASTERN NIGERIA. HE  
REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD OBTAIN CONCERNING  
MOVEMENTS AIRCRAFT.

2. EMB REALIZES DIFFICULTY CHECKING ON BASIS SUCH MEAGER  
INFORMATION WHICH IS ALL FMG HAS BUT WILL APPRECIATE ANYTHING  
YOU CAN DISCOVER.

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